Elyria July 7 1866

Dear mother.

I wish I could see you and May we went to the lake on the 4 and had a nice time and uncle elias and mister tels one family went with us we had a nice time Mister Boyd has bought a house out by the lake and all of us went their we had some Ice cream for dinner that Miss Boyd gave us mister Beal and Pumroy have bought a vineyard out their

Charley
July 7 1866

Elyria July 15 1866

Dear Mother

I should like to see you very much
We have got our bureau it has got two little
drawers and three big drawers it cost fifteen
dollars it is made of curly marble I caught
a rabbit he did eat chickweed like everything
But one day I was holding him in my hands
and he got away from me. We sold a bushel
of peas to Mister Williams. This morn-
ing I carried a basket full of peas to
uncle Eliab and one basket of peas
to uncle Doctor. Wilber and I have help-
ed father haying. We picked twenty quarts
of currants and got ten cents a piece
Father thinks he is going to the lake
again

Your loving

Son

Charlie Metcalf

Charlie & Mother
July 15 1866

OFFICE OF RUSSELL & METCALF

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First Mortgage Loans.

SAFE AND PROMPT

Edward Russell.
Wilder S. Metcalf.

Lawrence, Kan., Dec 9 1894

Dear Father

Your letters of the fifth & sixth and telegram of seventh received also telegram from Uncle Eliab in answer to one from Wilder. Hope to get another letter to day and hear how Ralph is. Am almost inclined to start back this P.M. anyway picking up Ethel on the way if she has not already gone. I should have stayed there when I was there. Has Bertha come back? If I could only write a letter I would try to do so now, but don't know how. I can only say that she seemed to be just as much mother to me as she was to her own boys.

Chas

Elyria, Ohio,
Feb. 9, 1866.

Dear father,
I miss you very much. I want to see you. It snowed yesterday. Mary is hear she expects to stay here till you are home. Mary is taking care of John now. It is noon now we have just got done dinner. I was ten at school this forenoon. The first bell is ringing now. I will stop now and when I get home from

School I will write some more
I have been ten this afrenoon noon. we have just got
done supper now. we are just
playing ~~[illegible]~~ -
mother is just undressi
ng John.

your loving
son Charley.

Charley R. M.
1 Feb. 1866

Lawrence, Kansas, Aug 3-1930-

Dear Marion:-

Your letter from Point-Chautauqua Post-marked July 31'. but not dated is here Saturday- It's been turribly hot today with a hot wind blowing. The corn is mostly plum gone & beyond all help no matter how much it rains. The ~~thermometer~~ goes over 100 Every day. Maybe we Can live thro the winter but more likely we will all dry up & blow away - any way it's getting pretty Serious. I'm glad you folks ~~have~~ found a cool place - but Kansas is not the only hot place. as you know if you see the papers - You say you ~~got~~ had a letter from Mary Stanley Gammon is that it?, or what is that last name? Who is she & where is she?, When you face the lake are you facing in what direction? Is the lake ~~longest~~ East & west and are you at which end of the lake or on the side of it Somewhere? Maybe you have told me this some time before - Did you go thro to Westfield without change? Are John Carrie in Washington now? Does ~~Nettie~~ Come direct to you from N.Y. or does she land where? and come to Chautauqua later? I went into the P.O. Thursday or maybe Friday morning and stood there waiting for the

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LAWRENCE

Wilder S. Metcalf
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in Eastern Kansas
Safe and Prompt

Lawrence, Kansas.

I enclose herewith my check on New York payable to ....

.... for ....

($..........) Dollars, the amount of interest due ....

1st, 19...., on loans held by ...., as follows:

Please return the coupons to me promptly and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

WILDER S. METCALF.

mail and a man came in with a boy 6 or 8 years old. He said the boy was leaving that morning for Boston or Wellesley. His father - a professor of something I take it - was going there & would be much of the time in the Wellesley College library. My mail came and his turn at the P.O. window came & I had not no further words with him - but I've known the man a long time and know he has a daughter but did no know if she had children or the name of her now - The boy was evidently his grandson. The man has a son - a graduate of West Point - who is an engineer I think - in the regular Army. I have not heard anything about the daughter for some time think I had heard she was married but did not know what her name is or what her husband does. The automobile is a great institution - They are here on the street every day from all over - every where. I got - a card from John from Munich dated 7-17-30 with picture of the Passion Play theatre. A ride along the lake shore from Cleveland to Lorain now must be quite unlike a ride from Cleveland to Lorain 50 or 60 yrs ago say - before people began to find out there was a lake there and before the Auto - Almost like a continued up town all the way?

Chas T. M

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Engagements

723 W 4th St. Des Moines
Iowa

Chas. R. Metcalf

Dec 25th '92

From J. M. P.

Moneldorf

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TRADE 1893 MARK.

For the Trade.

CALENDAR, 1893.

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	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31	..	..	..	..	..	..

JANUARY, 1893.

SUN. 1. To church a.m. & P.M. Letters Home & to Gen. Rich. Diary from Althin Clock for New Years

MON. 2.

Office. Toilet Case from Harry. Gov. J. B. Walker Louisiana show

TUES. 3.

Office

WED. 4.

Office

Thurs. 5.

Office

Fri. 6.

Office

Sat. 7.

Office

Appointments.

SUN. 8.

Ch a m [illegible] P M
[illegible] [illegible] home

MON. 9.

Office
[illegible] to Topeka

TUES. 10.

Paid Poff 8.00
neither dinner
nor supper

WED. 11.

Gen. B. F. Butler Died 13.7

Not to office
Poff all
Day 2 Legislatures
Great times in Topeka
Gov. Lewelling [illegible]

THURS. 12.
Office PffBrD.
Hyre room over
office & get carpet
&c. Mk to sup.

FRI. 13.
Office. Paid for
Carpet 24.00 Mrs Rode-
man 2.00 She is paid
in full. Eve. 1 trunk
from Rodman to room.

SAT. 14.
Office
Buy bed bedding
&c get other trunk
from Rodmans
Sleeps in new room

APPOINTMENTS.
Rented seat in
Ch. 30 cts a Sunday
from Jan. 1st to Jan. 1st

SUN. 15.

Ch & letter home

MON. 16.

Office

TUES. 17. Office

Provisional Government
of the Hawaiian
Islands promulgated
& Proclaimed this 17th
day of Jan. 1893

WED. 18.

Office

Thurs. 19.

Office

Fri. 20.

Office

Sat. 21.

Office

Appointments.

SUN. 22.

Church &
Keller home
1.20 Rd on
new read –

MON. 23.

Office

TUES. 24.

Office

WED. 25.

Office Mr Poff
8.00

THURS. 26.

Office

FRI. 27.

Office
J. G. Blaine
Died 11 a.m.

SAT. 28.

Office
Supper at Mo_

APPOINTMENTS.

JANUARY, 1893.

SUN. 29.

Chu. A.M.

Letter home

MON. 30.

Office

P.M. Wri. to Columbus

TUES. 31.

A.M. Warm

P.M. begin to

grow cold

Office

WED. 1. FEBRUARY.

Office Cold Zero at noon

Harry off to Short

hand School all day

& all time

Mi back from Columbus

FEBRUARY, 1893.

THURS. 2. Thunder & Lightning about daylight
Quick frozen rain.
near zero in morning grow warmer

FRI. 3.

Zero in morning
Shaw in Sun
Office

SAT. 4.

Office
warmer

APPOINTMENTS.

Wed. Feb 8th
2 B. Shirts
1 other "
4 Collars to
Chinese Laundry

OK Wash

FEBRUARY, 1893.

SUN. 5.

Thaw
Church &
walk home
are grow cold

60 cts on Sunday

MON. 6.

Office. About
Zero

TUES. 7.

Office
4 to 6. 0°–

WED. 8.

Office

THURS. 9.

Office

FRI. 10.

Office

SAT. 11.

Office

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 12.

Ch, a.m. & p.m.
Letter home

MON. 13.

Office 8.00 Poff.
Supper at N.E's.

TUES. 14.

Office

WED. 15.

Office
M. [illegible] & Sworn in as deputy

Thurs. 16.

Office
Great excitement - lots
of men go to Topeka
many to Topeka & back

Fri. 17.

Office
Compromise at
Topeka
Mi. home P.M.

Sat. 18.

Office Great talk
on streets. Resolution
at meeting last night
endorsing everything
Ajourned at T. till Monday

Appointments.

FEBRUARY, 1893

SUN. 19.

Little frost last night
good sugar day
Ch. twice letter
home 60 cts Pew Rep

MON. 20.

Office

TUES. 21.

Office
Mi to Topeka
& Back

WED. 22.

Office
Cath. Ch on Theosophy

THURS. 23.

Office

FRI. 24.

Office
Sat to P. Din or Sup.

SAT. 25.

Office
Sup. only at P.
Supreme Court decided
in favor of Rep.
House this A.M.

APPOINTMENTS.

FEBRUARY, 1893.

SUN. 26.

Ch. A.M. & P.M.
Letter home
Fine day

MON. 27.

Office
Mrs Poff 8.00
Pays for Break
a.m. Rain P.M. Turn cold

TUES. 28.

Office M. to
K.C. Surber Cattle
Fine day

WED. 1. MARCH.

Office
Letter from Eth.
Fine day

MARCH, 1893.

THURS. 2.

Office

FRI. 3.

Office
wrote for
Circular &, to Oth,

SAT. 4.

Office

APPOINTMENTS.

MARCH, 1893.

SUN. 5.

Church a.m. & P.M.
Letter home [1.00 a. sign]
" " with stamps to
Chicago News Record
M. to Pratt Co.

MON. 6.

Office
Coupons
till you can't rest
Harry in E.R.S. office

TUES. 7.

Office
Rain

WED. 8.

Office
P.M. Team to
Schmecks Mi.
back from Pratt Co.

THURS. 9.

Office

FRI. 10.

Office

SAT. 11.

Office

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 12.

Ch. in Nite
home

MON. 13.

Office
Pd. Office Rent
2nd ... advance
... one pay
for Breakfast
today

TUES. 14.

Office
Mr. Lake
annual
meeting Lake
view Club

WED. 15.

Office
Eve Presley
6 h. Bought
pair shoes
4.00

THURS. 16.

Office
Miss Manter
at home with a cold

Snow 3 or 4 in.

FRI. 17.

Snowy
Office   Mi. to Leach-
worth.

He fell in love with his
wife. L.P. Roe

SAT. 18.

Office

Mi. Home

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 19.

Ch. 2
Letter home

MON. 20.

Office

TUES. 21.

Office

WED. 22.

Office
Letter from home
1st mail a.m.
Eve Rain

THURS. 23. Wind Mile

Office
M. to lake P.M.
for over night

Cooler
Walk

FRI. 24.
Office S. Riggs
M. Back from
lake

SAT. 25. walk [illegible]
Office tannery
[illegible] morning

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 26.

Church & Letter home
Fine day

MON. 27.

Slight rain in
night - cool & cloudy
Rain & Snow
Office

TUES. 28.

Office
Letter from Geo Rich
dated Mch 26" Post-mark
7 a.m. 27" Delivered
at office 5 P.M.

WED. 29.

Office Letter from home
1st Delivery
Eve N. Side

THURS. 30.

Office

Paid Room Rent
3 mo to apr 12"

FRI. 31.

Office

SAT. 1. APRIL.

Office
Pd Mrs P[illegible]
$50 to apr 1"

APPOINTMENTS.

APRIL, 1893.

SUN. 2. Easter
Church 2 –
Letters Home
Geo Rich &
Jos. Rich

MON. 3.
Office
C.E. Pothier
at Rink

TUES. 4. Spring Election
a.m. 7 o.c. team
to Hales, Johnson
Co. Dinner at
Hales. back 3 1/2 o.c.

WED. 5.
Office
M. to Lake
P.M. & over night

THURS. 6.

Office
~~Oak Hill Cemetery~~
Very Warm
90° in Office

FRI. 7.

Office
warm & windy

Eve S.A. .35

SAT. 8.

Office Cooler
Rabbi Bismark gave
Sent to Edwards House
on this week of rent -
Said would pay all

APPOINTMENTS.

up next Wednesday

Eve St Car to Carbondale
track .05cts

SUN. 9. Cool & Rain in a.m.
Letter home
& Circular
Ch.

MON. 10.
Office cool
Cloudy

TUES. 11.
Office

WED. 12. Letter from home
Office T. M. Furber
wt to Osage Co sick
P.M.
Mis C. M. M. to K.C.
all day

APRIL, 1893.

THURS. 13. Office
W. Hoyle D.M.
Letter from father
Says P. P. Furber died
Friday Apr. 7th cool

FRI. 14.
Office cold
Windy

SAT. 15.
Office White frost
Mrs Pitt 10th
Cold & week til 40

APPOINTMENTS.

April, 1893.

Sun. 16. Church
Letter home
Letter from Jos Rick

Mon. 17. wi to Garnett
walk to Indian
School. Barn
of 3 or 4 horses
burnt this morn.

Tues. 18 Office
Letter from G. Rick
Rain Office
Wind

Wed. 19. Letter from home
Rain Office
Ramp ... by
mud, Osage City
Umbrella 1.00
S.W. Eve

THURS. 20. Office

Cloudy windy & cool
walk out - past wind
mill

FRI. 21.
Freeze last night -
walk out - winthrop & to
Henry & around by
Perkins. To Hale
Farm with Shurtleff
cool windy

SAT. 22.
Office To Indian School &
11 by Edwards

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 23. Church 2
5.00 Pd. on Slip Rent
Letters to Geo. & Jos.
Rich & Home

MON. 24. Office till
5.25 train to Ottawa
bed at Ottawa till 11.40
train S. to Moline

TUES. 25.
Moline 6.45
Team to [illegible] farm
a.m. Team to [illegible]
P.M. Rain & Hale
9.37 train north to Langton
WED. 26.
Bed & Breakfast at Langton
See Borne & old man
Pitts L. high water to Cherry V. 8.50
Special Ch. to Parsons
Par. to McGuire Team to
McGuire [illegible]

Thurs. 27. McCune. Team to Lanstrum Early Back 1.30 P.M. Grain field tile 5.08 train to Cherryvale 6.30 Sup. & Bed till 12.

Fri. 28.
7r. C. About 7 O.C. up town, 8 15 train to L. 9.40 Uncle Elial here

Office

Rain P.M.

Sat. 29.
Office Rain
E.W.M. to Topeka P.M.

Appointments.

SUN. 30.

Ch & Letter home

MON. 1. MAY.

Office E.W.M. back from Topeka

Ev. Temperance anniversary of Enactment of prohibition in Kansas

TUES. 2.

Office E.W.M. & Wi. to Lake

Eve Sar 1st

WED. 3.

Office E.W.M. to Greenwood & Elk Co's.

Thurs. 4.

Office

Figs .25 cts

Fri. 5.

Office E.W.M. back from Greenwood & Elk. Co's & started East at 5.20 P.M.

E.W.M. or R.R.M. 30.00

Sat. 6.

Office.
R.M. Cr. 30.00

W.C. 5

Appointments.

Sun. 7.

Church

Rain

a.m. 5 P.M.

Mon. 8.

Office Rain

Tues. 9.

Office wet

Letter from Home

& G. W. Rich

Eve S.S. Convention

Wed. 10.

Office tile

5 25 train to

ottawa ottawa to

mclrern bed

THURS. 11.
Team to Goodell
Francis Holahan
Burnham Mattheuson
Lunch Melrem
Horseback Slonikey &
Madario Melrem to

FRI. 12.
Ouenemo
Team Ouenemo to
Krause & Marker
Dinner at O. O. to O.B.
O.B. 3 P.M. Team to Carlson
Over Bank over night

SAT. 13.
Team to Sipes & McMillan
Dinner at Overbrook
Overbrook to Topeka
Topeka to Lawrence
5.20

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 14.
Church with
Mme & to Geo
Rick

MON. 15. walk to [illegible]
Office school
M. away Eureka?
Paid 7.00 room rent
to May 12th

TUES. 16. walk W. by
Grecian's Surgery
Office

WED. 17.
Team to Conley
farm
Office
Dinner at Conley
farm

THURS. 18. 8.19 train to K.C.
Leave K.C. 10.35 La Cygne
1.10 Team from " "
to Rogers, Gove, Pringle
& to Mound City
Mound City about 9 P.M.

FRI. 19.
With Gove to Himes
farm 2 mi from Centerville
back to Centerville 2.15
3.00 train to K.C. on
M.K.&T. K.C. 5.50 around town
Lawrence 10.53 P.M.

SAT. 20.
[illegible] [illegible]
1 P.M. [illegible] train

APPOINTMENTS.

MAY, 1893.

SUN. 21.

Church &
letter home
Wi to Cloud Co

MON. 22.

Office
Warm A.M.
Cool Cloudy P.M.

TUES. 23.

Office

WED. 24.

Office
Wi back 7 P.M.

1.50 Sub. to Repub.

THURS. 25. Office
P.M. Rain

FRI. 26. Office
Rain

SAT. 27.
Office
Cool cloudy

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 28. Ch in letter home

MON. 29. Office
Rainy Indian Sch
to Bellevue Cong
before Breakfast

TUES. 30. Decoration day
Office &c
to cemetary before
breakfast
Eve Bar 1.00

WED. 31. Office
Rain

THURS. 1.

Office N. Land & R.R. Co. [illegible]
Cloudy Raining
Z. F. Rec. Lot 7.67

FRI. 2.

Office
Raining
M. away P.M.

SAT. 3.

Office
Misty a.m.
Warm P.M.
H.M. to Sarca

APPOINTMENTS.

JUNE, 1893.

SUN. 4. Church a.m.
Letters Home
Rainy
Mi Home

MON. 5.
Letter from Father 1st
Delivery
Office

TUES. 6.
Office till 5.20
train to K.C.
Lv K.C. 9.10 for
Greenwood Co

WED. 7.
Reece about 5.30 a.m.
Team to Rou bottoms & Slider
on Byers & take 10.55 train
to Eureka more &
out to Lesley's horse back
worth & much waste
land Bell 9.50

JUNE, 1893.

THURS. 8. 8.50 a.m. Leave to read
Diehl Robinson
Johnson & Snider
Eureka 7.45 P.M.
Dinner at Diehls

FRI. 9. Team Eureka to Severy
via Mondays, Grabhams, Streets
Haskels, Sharps & Martins
Severy to Hamilton
Hamilton over night

SAT. 10.
Hamilton to Freemans
& Powells
H. to Emporia Emporia to
Lawrence 3.23 P.M.
Office Mothers letters from
Home –

APPOINTMENTS.
Father sick all time
cannot read & not drink
to much water –

Cost Sat 180 + 5

SUN. 11.

Ch in eve
Letter home
with 150.00 N.Y.

MON. 12.

Office
Harry Started
for Home

TUES. 13.

Office
warm

WED. 14.

Office
Letter from Home
5.20 to K.C.
9.10 to Toronto

THURS. 15.
Toronto Gilson &c
Team to Phillips Ervin
Harris Shaw, Bennett
Lv. Toronto 1.15 am

FRI. 16.
Friday 16th Yules Bay
&c
Team to Foster,
& Thomas
5.30 to Colony 10. to
Ottawa 6 —

SAT. 17.
Ottawa L ... 8.47
Lawrence 10.02
Office

APPOINTMENTS.

JUNE, 1893.

SUN. 18. Ch. a m & p m
S. a. r. after 1.00
Letter home

MON. 19. Office warm
Letter from John

TUES. 20. Office warm
Ten P m to Butler
Mo.

WED. 21. Office till
9.25 train to
Ottawa Lv. Ottawa
11.50 for Garnett
great rain

Mr Schoonover JUNE, 1893. A. Moler

THURS. 22.

Bed Garnett tile. 5.30 Team to Amiot back to 1.45 train Garnett to Ottawa 250 Lunch & Horse to Surbers Surbers all night

FRI. 23.

Lv. Surbers 6 a.m. Ottawa 8 a.m. Lv Ottawa 8.47 L 10.02 p.m. Bill = town cyclone with Mary

SAT. 24.

Free Hop

[illegible] 8 a.m.

.35 To Laundry

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 25. Ch. a.m.
Letter Home
M's to Supper — 9.
to Ch

MON. 26. rain in night
Office — a.m.
p.m. tooth filled
Estetey 1.00

TUES. 27.
Office
[illegible] Pipp[illegible] Gov
Squares up all —
Sup 10.56 — Letter
from Harry

WED. 28.
Office — M. to Lah
Took to Pipp all day
Letter from
Father

THURS. 29.

Office
Rain a.m.
Rain again in eve
away from P. all day

FRI. 30.

Office Rain in
night & again
P. all day

SAT. 1. JULY.

Office
Fine day
[illegible]
[illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 2. Letter
home Ch a.m.
To M's Sup. & Ers
Hot

MON. 3.
Office
no
75

TUES. 4.
Office
Eve.

WED. 5. Letter from
Home 10.53 Thayer
via Olaney Thayer
3.23 Train to Milan
Thayer Simmons
Thayer

THURS. 6. Zabriskie & Arnold, Team to Yates, Com, Anderson Brown Team Sample & Azotzska Dinner St. Team to Fisher farm. J.M.S. Tom Est — J.M.H. " "

FRI. 7. 1.15 am train St. to Fredonia. Bed Fred. Team to Blackman & Harshbarger Sup F. R.C. Young — rate bed Lv F. 1.17 for Cherry

SAT. 8. Cherry. 4.00 Bed. Bdg Chr to Parsons Team Parsons to Parker Parker to [illegible] Parker over night — Lv. Parker 4.45 —

APPOINTMENTS. K.C. 5.55 —

July 9 1893

JULY, 1893.

SUN. 9. R. C. 6.55 a.m. Leave
7.42 a.m. Letter home
Letter from Harry
Miss, in Eve
Hot

MON. 10.
Office Hot

TUES. 11.
Office M' Ages
& book

WED. 12.
Office
Acct
Tie 10
Pant 3.
Shirt .80
Sa 1.00

JULY, 1893.

THURS. 13.

Jefferson Co 6 am back 8 p.m. Harbison. Burnam Tonarn. Oskaloosa Harte. Gitchell Lorme Bill town Hot

FRI. 14.

Office Hot -

SAT. 15.

Fine rain in night cloudy a.m. Office m to Topeka & back

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 16. 6h a.m.
Letter from me
go to Mi. too many
to go to Ohio

MON. 17. Office tile
5.20 to K.C.
Lr K C 9.10 Cherryvale

TUES. 18.
Cherryvale 4.05
a.m. Team to Bakersplaces
Lr Cherry 9 a.m. Altamont
Team to Kaston
Lr Altamont
3.45 Oswego 4.05 Team to Lane
Lr O. 9.40 Columbus bed 11 P.M.

WED. 19.
Team to Haney farm
Lr Columbus 11.45
Scammon 12. M Team
to Brigham & Spurry
to Cherokee. Team Cherokee
to Parker Monmouth Hoste
Michell Lr. Cherokee 2.15
Thursday a.m.

Thurs. 20.
Arrived about 3 a.m. bed & Breakfast 8.55 to Walnut. Horse to Rilla just missed 12.06 train to Helper. Team to Purdon &c. bed at Walnut till

Fri. 21. 2.33 train to Hepler. Bed Hepler. Team to Faulkner Noble Rogers Dart Neddle Hepler till 3 a.m. Sat. M.K. & T. to Ft. Scott

Sat. 22.
Ft. Scott Bed 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. 7.30 train to K.C. On Gulf. K.C. 10.25 Lv K.C. 1 P.M. Lawrence 2.15

Appointments.

SUN. 23.
to Church
Letter home
& read
Hot

MON. 24.
Office
Hot

TUES. 25.
Office Rain in
night
M. to Ft. Riley
Wounded Knee Mt.

WED. 26.
Office M. home from
Riley
Big rain in night
Rain most all
day

THURS. 27.

Office
Rain again in Eve
Did you get that letter?

FRI. 28.

Office — Cloudy
Sultry

SAT. 29.

Office Sultry
Hot - Eve Thunder
Lightening &
Storm

APPOINTMENTS.

JULY. 1893.

SUN. 30. Rain early 2½ a.m.
Hot - Letter home

MON. 31. To Bell Farm
Thos Comey
P.M. Office
not so hot

TUES. 1. AUGUST.

To Bennetts
Kathman Miffin
Bailey
Ev. Praise God. Everybody
fire a volley

WED. 2. Office. M. to
Topeka & back
Hughes Court Martial
Letter from home

THURS. 3. Office
M. to Topeka again

FRI. 4.
Office M. to
Topeka

SAT. 5.
office
Hot
Letter from
Harry

APPOINTMENTS.

AUGUST, 1893.

SUN. 6. Letter from Mead

Hot

ST. Mottram

MON. 7. Office
M. to Topeka
Hot

TUES. 8. Office
Hot

WED. 9. Office
Hot
Letter from Father

THURS. 10.

Office
Nice rain

FRI. 11.

More rain in
night. a.m. Cloudy
& rainy
Office

SAT. 12.

Cooler
Office

APPOINTMENTS.

AUGUST, 1893.

SUN. 13.
Letters
& read

MON. 14.
Office

TUES. 15.
Office rain came
in night cloudy &
warm
Circular letter
here. & letter from Eth

WED. 16.
Office rain in night
cloudy day.

Thurs. 17. Office till
4 o.c. to K.C. 5.00
Lv. K.C. 6.00 on Rock
Island for
Chicago

Fri. 18.
Chicago 10 o.c.
see Ethel 1/2 hour-
Lv Chicago 10.30
Toledo 5. P.M.
Elyria 8 P.M.

Sat. 19.
A.M. Geo Ricks on
Hill lot digging
potatoes P.M. Hill
lot & mowed lot-with
Father, Letter-to M.

Appointments.
John Oberlin
Job gone
Expects to go
to Europe Germany

SUN. 20.

Fine rain in
a.m. did not go
to Church

MON. 21.

Hill lot digging
Potatoes a.m. [illegible]
[illegible] p.m. [illegible]

TUES. 22.

Hill lot a.m.
digging our Potatoes
mill lot p.m. got
Potatoes with [illegible]
Father to hodi
onion patch

WED. 23.

Family Picnic
E.W.M. & a
G.S.M. & e
Geo Mich & e
& a
John & Carry

J n C n a [illegible] a to Obert

AUGUST, 1893.

THURS. 24.

a.m. with Geo Rich to C.S. Miles farm & Laport for Elder berries
Dinner at Geo's
P.M. cut 2 Chestnut tree in Grove for Posts

FRI. 25. Idlet from Mi

a.m. Chestnut posts in Grove
P.M. Wood lot - Geo + Cleaning out pond
Wm Biggs farm 2800
[illegible]

SAT. 26.

a.m. Wood lot - with big Kettle water horses
horses from Gilberts well
P.M. Geo. Richs for post hole digger help clean out his barn well

APPOINTMENTS.

Eve Rain

SUN. 27.
Read
Letter to M
Rain some in
P.M.

MON. 28. Hill lot with Father
for cucumbers &c.
wood lot - Cleaning out pond
till rain Rain
P.M. read
Eve. Ella Davis

TUES. 29. A.M. Rainy
Buck wood P.M. John
over from O & back
Set posts & cut hay
in grove

WED. 30.
To Oberlin with Harry G
Horse & wagon Dinner
at A & A's dig John's
potatoes & bring them
home

THURS. 31. a.m. wood lot with father Geo. there ploking for wheat work at fence & Dead trees
J. Robinsons. Circus in town

FRI. 1. SEPTEMBER.

Hice lot with father
[illegible] in grove
fix fence
Eve E.W. M's with Harry

SAT. 2.

2 loads straw down
from [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 3.

Letter to W.M.
Not Sent
Telegram from my
when before ... of
MON. 4. ... to see ...
Cut dead tree in front
of house & saw & split
wood. Father sick in night
Father ride over ...
John & ... over
on ...
TUES. 5.
a.m. go ... get
saw & axes ... ground
then to wood lot - at ...
P.M. wood lot -
Pond dry water ...
WED. 6. from ... well
wood lot a.m. & P.M.
... up P.M.
Water horse home
by Hill lot - for Com
W. & Mary ...
... Ethel come

[Wood lot-

SEPTEMBER, 1893.

THURS. 7. A.M. Harry & G

Reunion Picture

Aunt Anna &
Lizzie & Aunt
Albyna P.M. Eve
Geo Rich & C

FRI. 8.

a.m. Wood lot &
Hill lot with Wi
Early dinner &
All to Depot to see
John D Clark off
to Germany [Wood lot

SAT. 9.

a.m. Father
in Garden Wi & G
Mamie to Cleveland
Hill lot for garden &c
P.M. Wood lot Father Harry Mayo
& Rice cut wood

APPOINTMENTS.

Earl took team
Eve last night
Left for Des Moines
on night train

SUN. 10.

Fine day
We home from
Cleveland in Eve
Uncle Elish here in Evg

MON. 11.

Left Elyria on early train for Chicago
with Father Aunt Anna Wi. & Gurtich
Hotel Elyria
Fair Grounds

TUES. 12.

Fair Grounds

WED. 13.

Fair grounds

Father to See A. Mitchell
& I. C. R. R. Officials

THURS. 14.

Fair Grounds
Wi. to Ft. Sheridan,
P.M. Father left Chicago
for Cairo & Duquoin
on free pass over I.C.R.R.

FRI. 15.

Fair grounds till
four O'clock Leave Chicago
6 p.m. on Rock Island
Sleeper to K.C.

SAT. 16.

K.C. about 11 a.m.
Stock yds with Wi.
Lawrence 3 or 4 P.M.
Supper at Poffs

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 17. Left home
Hot windy dusty
We got letter from
father from Shaquim

MON. 18.
Office
Windy dusty till
rain in P.M., Hot-
Mercury 100° at Espley's

TUES. 19.
Office
rain
Wrote Harry about
pictures & watch

WED. 20.
Office
cloudy some rain

THURS. 21. a.m. Team to Mrs McKinneys
P.M. Office
Rain P.M. & in night. Letter from father from Elyria

FRI. 22.
Office
recd watch from S & Fitk

SAT. 23.
Office Cooler
Rain in P.M.

APPOINTMENTS.

SEPTEMBER, 1893.

SUN. 24. Letter from Ch. Twose

Rain till late in P.M. then clear off

MON. 25. Office till 5.30 to K.C. 9.10 P.C. to Winfield

TUES. 26. Winfield Arkansas City through Cherokee Strip to Guthrie about 2 P.M. Lv Guthrie 3.20 P.M. Ark. City 6.30 all night

WED. 27. Lv. Ark. City 10 A.M. to Sedan Cedarvale 2.30 Team Cedarv to Sedan via Goyns, Jo Call, Shusher Swisher Sedan 7.45

THURS. 28. Team (Finch) to
Graham & Woody
Lv. Sedan 12.10 for
Niotaze 12.45 Lockway
Lv. Niotaze 2 P.M. Coffeyv.
3.30 FRI. 29. Lv Coffeyv 6. a.m.
Cherryv 7.00
Team to Murphy & Baker
Miller Dinner Cherryv.
3.07 to Altimont — 3.45
Team to Kelson
Rain all day
SAT. 30.
Lv. Altimont 11.45
" Cherry vale 12.40
Ar Thayer 1.45
Team to Ford, Yates Day
Teeters Phillips Dean &

APPOINTMENTS. & Brown
Dinner at Teeters
Lv. Thayer 5.30
" Chanute 7.30
" Ottawa 4.25

OCTOBER, 1893.

SUN. 1. Hot

Lv Ottawa 4.25
ar K. C. 6.50
ar Lawrence 9.10
Fetter home
Eve late rain

MON. 2.

Office — Cooler

TUES. 3.

Office —

WED. 4.

Office —
[illegible]

Thurs. 5.

Office

Fri. 6.

Office till
10 a.m. Eve S. B. Anthony
Team to
Linwood Jay Nash
Cisco Pettengill
Hendricks Boyne

Sat. 7.

Office
fine day
John's letter about
voyage across the
Atlantic

Appointments.

Sun. 8.

Letter home
Church 2
slip rent 5.00
warm

Mon. 9.

Office
warm windy.

Tues. 10.

Office Tile
5.20 to K.C. Hol—
K.C. 9.20 to Florence 5

Wed. 11.

Florence 5.30
Lv " " 9.00
ar Eldorad 9.30
Tenhouse Frazier
Turner Court House
cold windy in
late p.m.

OCTOBER, 1893.

THURS. 12. Cool cloudy mild A.M. Hawthorne Office Formed Rent Receiving Done in 54. P.M. With A. to Turner Worked time Murphy

FRI. 13. Fair day cooling with A.M. H. to Looming Foss & Dobson Cool wind light-frost

SAT. 14.
A.M. walk about & ride with Hawthorne till 8.30 train to Florence Topeka 2.05 To top of State House Great view L. 5.20

APPOINTMENTS.

October, 1893.

Sun. 15.

Ch 2
Letter home
Fine day

Mon. 16.

Office
Fine day

Tues. 17.

Office & to
Baldwin
C. A. Dewitt
Dargitz Fine Day

Wed. 18.

Office
Fine Day

Fine day OCTOBER, 1893 Cloudy Early

THURS. 19. A.M. Team to Darnold & Cartwright P.M. Office Ice

Mary McLain from Ohio

FRI. 20. Office

Fine day

SAT. 21.

Office

Fine

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 22.

Fine day
Letter home
Eve Supper at Mis-
n to Church 2

MON. 23.

Fine day Mi to
Golden Model Co.
Letter from John
via Marion
Eve growing Cold
Hypatia

TUES. 24.

Office
Cool
Pleasant

WED. 25.

Frost
Pleasant day.
Uncle Elijah came
on 10.53 a m & left
for Eureka 2.10 P.M.

THURS. 26. Office
Fine Day
Soldiers & Sailors
reunion Eve - to rink
Campfire Campbell
of Topeka!

FRI. 27.
Office
Fine Day

SAT. 28.
Mi home from
Greenwood In morn
ing E. W. M. at night
Office orel

APPOINTMENTS.

~~S. B. ...~~

SUN. 29.

Letter home Ch 2
Uncle Eliat up to
room in P.M.
Corn on his lot
~~S.B. + Bro M.~~

MON. 30.

Practice 11.33
to Ottawa, Chenute
Fredonia 4.30
~~on~~ over night

TUES. 31.

Team to Fisher farm
P. C. Young
Wedding papers me
fixed up Friday
4.30 train to Moline
Moline over night

WED. 1. NOVEMBER.

6.23 train Moline
to Winfield A.K City
9.45 Matlock &
Block
Lv A.K. 6.50 P.M.
Winfield ar 7.20

6 Thurs. 2.

7.00 a.m. to Cedar Falls
Search. 8 … farm
3.35 Bear … to Winfield
5.20 Lv Winfield 9.20
11.05
Moline over night

Fri. 3.

Lv Moline 7.20
Seventy Mount 8.30
H & B to Hilyard
& Shults Dinner at
Seventy then to Martinsburg
Lv Ser. 7.30 Eureka 9.45

Sat. 4.

Eureka with C. E. M. to
H. D. Mansel's
Cahill Whipple
Hartford
Lv Eureka 6.35
Emporia 11.30

Appointments.

NOVEMBER, 1893.

SUN. 5. Lv Emporia 2.08 Ar L. 5.30 a m
Letter home
Ch 2
Y.M.C.A. Eve

MON. 6. Office
Fine Day
E.W.M. here 9 m.
from Ypsilanti or Ohio Sun-

TUES. 7. day
Office Election day
Fine Day

WED. 8. Hurrah for McKinley
E.W.M. to Ohio
Office fine day
Letter from home

Thurs. 9. Office a.m.
To Abi Darnolds
P.m. fine Day

Fri. 10. Office,
m. Hunting
27 quail
Fine Day

Sat. 11. Office
Cloudy
P.m. wind in N.
Eve. 9.45 rain

Appointments.

November, 1893.

Sun. 12. Snow little
Early a.m.
Church 2
Letter home

Mon. 13. Office
OBC
Family picture
Came

Tues. 14.
Office
frosts

Eve cool

Wed. 15.
Office
Letter from home

Thurs. 16.

Office Warmer. M. to Franklin Co. farm

Fri. 17. Colder

Office

Cool

Sat. 18.

Office

M. home from Franklin Co

Appointments.

SUN. 19. Church &
then home
W.S. to dinner
Quail on toast—

MON. 20. Office till
10.00 to Emporia
3.10 " to
Eureka.
D. M. & Eve
Rain—

TUES. 21. Eureka till
after dinner
1.30 P.M. started for Hines
farm with D. M. M.
over night with Blackmore

WED. 22. a. m. to Hines
farm walk there &
all over farm & back
to Blackmores for
dinner Home by J. M. Q.
J. F. Moore's & Munger's
D M M's to supper
Greenwood House over
night—

NOVEMBER, 1893.

THURS. 23. Eureka

a.m. D.M.M. &c

A.H. Snyder has given

O.E.M. Bill Sale for 200

Corn, June, pay up Dec

& pay Dec 93

in Feb. Eva to @ Kerrah

Dr. 2 Blk horse sick

FRI. 24.

a.m. Eureka hill

11. Team to Graham

& Gibson back 5.25

Eve D.M.M.

Lv Eureka 11.52 P.M.

SAT. 25. Shirts for D.M.M.

Ar ... 1 a.m.

Lv ... 11 " "

Ar Y.C. 12 m

Lv ... 1 P.m.

Ar KC 7.05

APPOINTMENTS.

Lv KC. 9.20

Ar L. 11.00

Sun. 26. Letter home
Ch 2"
slight rain

Mon. 27. Office
Cleared off
N.P. away 5.30 P.M.
Shurtleff in office

Tues. 28. Office tell
9.42 to Burlingame
Bacon & Rockey
Lv. B. 4.35 O. City
5. P.M. O. City over
night

Wed. 29.
Team to Young root
Suplee Kedgelsong
Sims & Boyd
Supper & Ball at
Osage City tell

THURS. 30.

300 a.m. train to Lawrence 5.30 Office
Dinner at Wis with
Colonel Havard
Inspection of Co H. K.N.G.
Cold

FRI. 1. DECEMBER.

Office Cold

SAT. 2.

Office
Cold Snow

APPOINTMENTS.

Letter home & to Geo Pitch

DECEMBER, 1893.

SUN. 3. Cold
2 in Snow Sleighing Ch. a.m.
Eve at Mis Lyndon

MON. 4. Mi to Osage 10.52
Office
Home rain in Eve
Dorsey & Ex. mn. S.a. 1.
Dr. M. Night all night

TUES. 5.
Office

WED. 6. Mi home from Osage Lyndon
Office
Letter from home

THURS. 7.

Office

FRI. 8.

Office

SAT. 9.

Office

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 10. Ch. a.m.
Letter home
Ch. p.m. Rev Dr.
Corwin on Hawaii

MON. 11. Office
Warm

Ev Cold wave
Clear all day. Eve cloud up

TUES. 12.
7. a.m to Franklin
Co. Farm 106.30
to Surber 22 cattle
30 hogs down by creek
Back 6.40

WED. 13.
Office till 5.20
train to K.C. 9.10 train
to Elk City

THURS. 14.

Elk City - 5.12 a.m.
to Palmer farm
Lv Elk City 4.50 - P.m.
Cherryvale 8 P.M.
" " over night

FRI. 15.

8.15 Cherryvale to
Coffeyville Team to
Regneir's Artemat-
Mill & Mrs Artemas
at house Dinner & 1.45 to Cherry
vale. Lv Cherryvale 4.30 pm

SAT. 16.

" Chanute 6.30
Arrive Ottawa 2.45 -
a.m. Lv " 8.47
Ar L. 10.02 a.m.
Office

APPOINTMENTS.

DECEMBER, 1893.

SUN. 17. Church & letter home To Mis at about 6 P.M. Ch with Mi, Mary & Mi, up to

MON. 18. a room after

Office
All Day

TUES. 19.

Office
All Day

WED. 20.

Office
Letter from home Father sick in Ch.
Vestibule
Pres. P.M.

Thurs. 21.

Office
Warm Windy

Fri. 22.

Office Warm
Eve. No fire. Windows
Open Clear

Sat. 23.

Office
Warm Cloudy
Eve Rain

Appointments.

Sun. 24. Warm Cloudy
Sun Shine & Shower
Ch. twise Christmas
doings Letter Ronnie
Eve Clear off

Mon. 25.
Office A.M. Wis.
to dinner &
afternoon -
Eve Christmas at
church -

Tues. 26.
Office till 10. a.m.
with Ed. Russell to
Wm Deays Look at
38 acres fine roads

Wed. 27. Office
5.20 to K.C.
got left on S.K.
Independence on
Mo Pac. 9.35

DECEMBER, 1893.

THURS. 28. Independence 12.45 Freight to Longton 5.00 Team to Roberts Longton over night

FRI. 29. Team to Pitts & Sharp then to Roberts & T. Falls Get Deed from Roberts. Train to Moline Team to Baker

SAT. 30. Lv M. 9.35 A M Ottawa 4.20 Lv " 8.47 Lawrence 10.02 Office

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 31. Ch. 2 "
Letter home
Letter from mother
with Silk handkerchief
to wis an Eve
Apples

P. H. Metcalf
723 W 4th St.
De Moines
Iowa

Memoranda.

Memoranda.

Books read
D. Copperfield
Last of The Mohicans

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		[illegible]	15
Nov	1	[illegible]	50
	1	Breakfast	25
"	1	[illegible]	50
"	1	1000 mi.	25 00
"	1	[illegible]	1 [illegible]
"	1	Supper	[illegible]
"	2	Bed & break "	1 00
		[illegible]	.03
	2	[illegible]	1 10
	"	Dinner	15
	"	[illegible]	1 50
	"	[illegible]	1 10
	"	Supper [illegible]	10
	3	Bed & break	50
	3	[illegible]	1 50
	"	Dinner "	25
	"	Supper "	35
	4	Eureka 1 Day	2 00
	5	Lunch [illegible]	15

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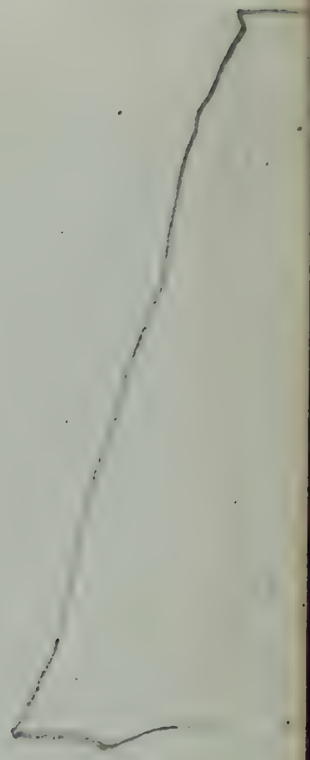

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MAR.	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
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MAY.	..	..	1	2	3	4	5
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CALENDAR, 1894.

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SEPT.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
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OCT.	..	1	2	3	4	5	6
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CALENDAR 1894

JANUARY, 1894.

Monday Jan 1
1.30 A.M. Nellie
[illegible] ...

MON. 1.

Office all
day
[illegible]
Meeting [illegible]
[illegible]

TUES. 2.

Office
Rec. Metcalf called
from Anna
[illegible]

WED. 3.

Office Code Mr.
Wi & Mary start
East P.M.
[illegible] home
Drawing [illegible] 9.5 [illegible]

JANUARY, 1894.

THURS. 4. Office
Wrote letter to
Joe Rich. Eve.

FRI. 6.
Office
Eve. Prof. Dyche
Lecture

SAT. 6. To Hospital
[illegible] Hastings
Office [illegible]
[illegible] Letter.

APPOINTMENTS.
[illegible]
Letter from [illegible]
John

JANUARY, 1894.

SUN. 7.

Letter home
" John
" W L ro ch. a.m.
YPSCE & Ch. Eve

MON. 8.

Office

fine weather
Eve act to Hull 3.0

TUES. 9.

Office

Clear Cold

WED. 10.

Office
Letter from
home

THURS. 11. I, bran wi from

Office a.m.

P.M. with Mr

Bunce

to Harbison farm

FRI. 12.

Office

SAT. 13.

Office

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 14.

Letter home
Cloudy not cold [illegible]
P.M. Temperance [illegible] meeting
[illegible]
Baptist Ch. Y.M.C.A.

MON. 15.

Office
2 letters from M[illegible] with
each a letter enclosed
from John, which I sent
on to Marion

TUES. 16.

Office till
10.33 train to Nor
wood meet [illegible] &
go to Arnold farm
" "
over night –

WED. 17.

Meet train at Norwood
a.m. Lawrence 10.02
Office –

Miss Marten hard
cold in office
Short time in a.m. only

JANUARY, 1894.

THURS. 18. Eve Dapperton + co.
Office Miss Manter
Short time in P.M.
only-
Weather still fine warm

FRI. 19.
Office
Miss Manter sick
not in Office at all
Snow sleet rain
till 10.30 P.M. or so

SAT. 20.
Cloudy all day
Eve clear Office
Miss Manter down
in the P.M.

APPOINTMENTS.
Wrote to Wilder
at Philadelphia

SUN. 21. Church a.m.
Letter home.
Y.P.S.C.E Growe Co's P.M.
SB at Yewell P.M.

MON. 22.
Office Miss
Marten there a.m. &
P.m.
8° above this morning

TUES. 23.
Office P.M.
[illegible] rain then Snow
4.30 P.M. Zero
6.00 P.m. " — 5°
10.00 " " " — 10°
clearing off

WED. 24.
Morn, 14 below 0°
Office
2 below 0° at
Noon. 0° at 6 P.M.
House burnt down
On A[illegible] St in Early Eve

THURS. 25.
Office Zero in morning about 15 above noon 10 above at 10 P.m. Eve to S.S. Com. SB & Doc

FRI. 26. Rec from D.A. & Co
Office, Mr R to K.C. Eve Oritorical Contest K.S.U. Letter from

SAT. 27. Home & from Nel
Office another letter from Home. cutting 5 or 6 in ice on river
Letter from Jos Rich
Letter from Hark with

APPOINTMENTS.
letters from John & Eth.
A man killed here last night & think in Rumor)
Coroners verdict Suicide

SUN. 28. Letter home Y.P.S.C.E. Snow in a.m.
Cloudy

MON. 29. Office
Morning to Mrs Carman house
Fine day

TUES. 30. Office
Fine day morning to Mrs Ala. St. house
Eve. to Prof. Blakes Lecture on Electricity

WED. 31. Office
Eve S.A. Phonagraph-

THURS. 1.

Mi Home last night

Office. Fine day. not thaw Cutting ice On River — Night. Dry

FRI. 2.

Office
less cold & some
What-Cloudy

SAT. 3.

Office

Eve Court-house
Kent Club Dr Gordley

APPOINTMENTS.

FEBRUARY, 1894.

SUN. 4. Letter home
" " to Marion
with " S from Ethel
Ch. Eve.

MON. 5.

Office

Eve Parkey Scrap
in Lawrence
one killed 1 wounded
woman hurt

TUES. 6.

8.18 to K.C. Lv
K.C. 10.15 change
at Roper 4.15 Sedan
7.45

WED. 7.

Team to Andrews
Craig & Graham

Kimmers & Sadler

Cloudy sprinkle
once in a while a
very little

THURS. 8.

Matthews Sedan
Leave to Sadler
McDale's
& Mitaze Sedan
over night -
Mansion House

FRI. 9.

Sedan to K.C.
K C to Lawrence
Lawrence 10:52 P.M.
High wind light snow

SAT. 10.

Office
Grow cold

11 P.M. S.A. Fire

APPOINTMENTS.

Mt Dr Ale Agt.
Come in Heck
J E Dodge & Eli
Wilson Scrap

SUN. 11. Letter home
Ch. a.m.
Y.P.s.C.E. eve
Snow all day

MON. 12.
Office [illegible]
snow 18 in. deep
10° above in morn.

TUES. 13.
Office
Snow storm was all over
Kansas Deepest for
years Mr R. started
for Denver

WED. 14.
Office Letter from
Mare. with letter from
John. Letter from
Gotham [illegible] Wilde
Eve Sat 1.00

THURS. 15. Office
about Zero this morn
cold Day

Eve wind in S

FRI. 16. Office
South wind all
day
Thaw

SAT. 17. Office
thaw
Sleighing gone
in Kent Club

APPOINTMENTS.
Ed. Russell
Danby Kansas
History

SUN. 18. Letter home
Ch a.m. P.M. & Y.P.S.
Eve Turn cold

S.P.S. S.Y.P.M.

MON. 19. Office 15° above
5.18 P.M. to Butler
Co.

TUES. 20. Office
Cold
Letter from John
via Hart.

WED. 21. Office
Cold Letter from
Home

THURS. 22.

Office
Cloudy
Merope bd Book

FRI. 23.

Office
M' home from
Butler on Greenwood

SAT. 24.

Office
Cold fine day
Russell G Kinnard Jr
Settled with K. Give his

APPOINTMENTS.

note for $700 due in
2 yrs on before 8%
for stock & tools & has
rent of farm for 94.
Eve Red Bonnett

SUN. 25.

Letter home
Church 1-2-v.
Fine day

S.B. & S.S.

MON. 26.

Office

Fine day warm

Eve clear + stars.

TUES. 27.

Office

Fine day
a.m. Drive to Willow
Springs. back at 2 o.c.
Roads bad

WED. 28.

Office
till 5.25 train
to Ottawa + Quenemo

Quenemo over night

MARCH, 1894.

THURS. 1. with Chas Sparks to Fisher - Land back 10 O.C. Dinner - on train to Topeka 2,05 - 6,15 Topeka all

FRI. 2. Night -

4 a.m. up take 4.25 train to Lawrence. Office Spring like

Dr S.B. Lily Eve

SAT. 3.

Office spring

nitted repaired Mare

1 [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 4. Letter home &
letter enclosing letter
from Lottie & $10.00
(Mar 3) to Ethel –
P.M. K.S.U. with Mis
Mis all Eve Rain

MON. 5.
Office letter
from Home
Colder
P.M. Dinner & Sup at
Mis

TUES. 6.
Office fine day
Frosty morning
Mis. all Day

WED. 7.
Office
Letter from home
light rain in A.M.
P.M. Clear
Mis to Gmb all
day

MARCH, 1894.

THURS. 8. Office

Mis to Grub

Eve Ten nights in a Bar room

FRI. 9. Office

Fine weather

Mis all Day Grub

Mi to K.C. R.D.M.

SAT, 10. Office

Mis to Grub

APPOINTMENTS.

MARCH, 1894. Letter home

SUN. 11.

Ch a.m.

Sub at m. Eve inisa

P.m. Walk

Hackel place

MON. 12.

Office

Grub wis

Eve temperance

massal. Phila

TUES. 13.

Office

wi to Lake Geneva

Grub at wis

m. Sa. Presbyterian Com

WED. 14.

Office

Letter from home

Horse from Ike.

Grub wis

THURS. 15.
Office
Fine day
Mrs all day

FRI. 16.
Office
Letter from Father
letter from John
via there.

SAT. 17.
Office warm
about 85°

APPOINTMENTS.

MARCH, 1894.

SUN. 18. light rain in night cloudy day Church a.m. Letter Home; Mis Foquih and in P.M. + Eve

MON. 19. Office, Mis all day to Emile Cloudy Threaten rain

TUES. 20. Cloudy Office Emile at Mis all day

WED. 21. Office Fair Windy

Eve Plyech P.M. with Topeka

MARCH, 1894.

THURS. 22.

old Office
Windy
5.25 to Burling
ton 9.45—

FRI. 23.

Team to Drakes &
Seeleys Lv. Burling-
ton 4.10
Ottawa 8.45-
Ottawa all night-

SAT. 24.

Lv. Ottawa 8.47 L.
at 10.02 Office
Mrs Dinner & Sup
Eve Republican Club

APPOINTMENTS.

Cold
Easter Sunday

MARCH, 1894.

SUN. 25. Breakfast & Dinner at Mrs, not there to supper — M left on 8.18 train for Ohio
Ch. a.m. p.m. & vesper

MON. 26. Office Letter from Mrs to Greek all day home
gave Mary 12.00 for 3 mos Board — to Mch 25th Cold

TUES. 27. Office
Cold windy
Mrs at Mrs

WED. 28.
Office
cold windy
Mrs at Mrs

THURS. 29.

Office
Warmer
Grub at N.[illegible]

FRI. 30.

Office
Letter from John Na[illegible]
Hard, windy
slightly warmer

SAT. 31.

Office
Fine day
Cloudy a.m.

APPOINTMENTS.

APRIL, 1894.

SUN. 1. Church a.m. & Eve & Y.P.S.C.E.
Breakfast & Dinner at Mis.
Fine Day
Letter home & to Jas Rich

MON. 2. Mi home at last night. Office
Fine weather
Grub all day at Mis.

map
carried in
[illegible]

TUES. 3. Office Watch at Marks
Break room warm the
Dinner Lawrence house
Supper at Mis
J. Wakeman here

WED. 4. Office
Letter from Home
Mis to Grub all day

Mail Carrier & 2ad & Dr & S. B.

APRIL, 1894.

THURS. 5. Dr told S B Eve

Team to Doak

So Leavenworth Co

Jayquash Frederick

Stevenson Toyne

FRI. 6. Break & Supper Mis

Office Break & Din

at Mis P.M. with Mi

to lake fishing no fish

Supper at lake

Rain (a.m. 3 a. meeting in Mal crack and)

SAT. 7.

Warm Cloudy rain

in Eve Office

Pittsburg Kan. C. T. [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 8. Ch. a.m.
Letter home
M. S. Smith all day
& tree Hickory nuts
& sugar off - rain

MON. 9.
Office Cloudy
a.m. Clear off
Letter from home a.m.

TUES. 10.
til Office 5 20 to
K. C. 9 25 K. C.
to Toronto

WED. 11.
Toronto 4 a.m. around
with Gilson. Team
to Virgil via Robinson
Shreeves Smith Wildoner
& Chandler. Virgil
about 3 p.m. took U
to Le Roy Lv. V. 6 20.
[illegible] 7.10 over night

APRIL, 1894.

THURS. 12. Seen Lawson Kattany & Hamilton dinner at — Foot it - to Powell farm & Utopia & take train to Eureka

FRI. 13.
Eureka, all Day with P, M, M,

Lv Eureka 11.52 for K C

SAT. 14.
K C, 7.20
Lv K C 8.15
Lawrence 9.42
Office

Rain all day Sick

APPOINTMENTS.

Mis the Dem & Sup

SUN. 15. Letter home
Church a.m. warm
Mis all Day

MON. 16. Office warm
Mis all Day
to Smith [illegible]

TUES. 17. Office [illegible]
to Dentists 9.30 to 12.30
& 5 to 6.20 [illegible]
Mis to Lake P.M.

WED. 18. Office
rain in night
Cloudy Day
Mis all Day
to Smith
Letter from home

THURS. 19. Office

Strike in blow

Letter from John [illegible]

[illegible] Dinner at [illegible]

[illegible]

FRI. 20. [illegible]

Office

Colder

[illegible] [illegible] at m's

SAT. 21.

Office

[illegible] m's [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 22. Church
a m
Mis all day
walk to Haskell place
& Babcocks P.M. with Mi.

MON. 23.
Office
Mis to Kimball Day

TUES. 24.
Office till
10.33 Ottawa Garnett
team to Welda & back
to Garnett.
Brackett. Mis

WED. 25.
Lv Garnett 1 a.m.
Cherry 4 a.m. Team
to Murphy v. Baker
Thompson Bros
Lv Cherryvale 3 P.M.
Columbus 4.44 [illegible]
[illegible]

Columbus

APRIL, 1894.

THURS. 26. Start 6 a.m., back 6 p.m. oyler Bilches Adams Foley Gagr Haney back to Columbus over night—

FRI. 27. To Davis Walson & Shellkamer & Lr Columbus 11.20 for Cherokee bought home & lot & Donally farm Pittsburg 5.35 to S.h.t. 6 each. — to Girard after 10 p.m.

SAT. 28. To Dorman farm & back for 8.55 train to Chanute Chanute to K.C. home at 10.42

APPOINTMENTS.

APRIL, 1894.

SUN. 29. Light rain in the a.m. Not to ch. a.m. Letter home

Wilders all p.m. Dinner & sup.

MON. 30. Dr Esterly p.m. Work at Mrs. Allen's. Rain. Good crown

TUES. 1. MAY.

Office

Work at Mrs

WED. 2.

Break & Supper at Mrs

Office Letter from Home

Wr to K. C.

Dinner in room

THURS. 3. Office
M^r to lake P.M.
Work at m's all
Day

FRI. 4.
Office
Work at m's
rainy day

SAT. 5.
Office
Cloudy
Warm

Dr. Howell [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 6.

Fine day P.M.
Ch. a.m. & Miss May
Home
Letter home & to G.W. Rick
Grub at mis all
day

MON. 7.

Office
Grub at mis

TUES. 8.

Office
Grub mis

WED. 9.

Office
Grub mis
Letter from home

Thurs. 10.

Office

Mah Wis

Good rain last night

Fri. 11.

with Sen[illegible] to Arnold farm breakfast at [illegible] Dinner a[illegible] Sup. lunch sent by mary

Sat. 12.

Office

Ms ale day to [illegible]

Appointments.

SUN. 13.

Ch a.m.
Mis all Day to Grub
Letter home
Letter from J S Rich

MON. 14.

Office
Camu - Mis
Mary 5.00 on Board
Mi to Lake 9 pm
Miss Yaw

TUES. 15.

Office
Grub Mis

WED. 16.

Office
Mi to Lake
Grub Mis

THURS. 17.

Office Wi left 9.42
for Topeka & to Elk Co
with J.R. Sercrance
Gruber mis fine shower
in night.

FRI. 18.

Office Cold
windy
Gruber mis

SAT. 19. Office

Frost in places
Cool night Gruber's
W'i home 9.42 a.m.

APPOINTMENTS.

MAY, 1894.

SUN. 20.

Office
Letters home &
letter from home
Cool frost
Good wis

MON. 21.

Office
Dr Terrance here to
Dinner & left for
Chicago Good wis

TUES. 22.

Office
Warm 10
Cool Good wis
With Wilson Kenosha
Co's. 5,20 P.M.

WED. 23.

Office
427 Maple St. before
Break. Cloudy
Good wis Eve
[illegible]

MAY, 1894.

THURS. 24.

Office
Ned Wils Lightrain
ofis sup L Lindley
Smith Laundry

FRI. 25.

Office
Mrs Ex=
Capt. supper

SAT. 26.

Walk to Swain
Land Office
Mrs Keeps
Breakfast

APPOINTMENTS.

Hat 4.50
Laundry 65
oranges 10
 5

MAY, 1894.

SUN. 27. Grub Wis

Letter from me

Ch a.m. & Eve

MON. 28. Office

Grub Wis

Eve theater rain

TUES. 29.

rain in night

Office

Grub Wis

WED. 30. Decoration day

Fine rain in night

cloudy muddy

Office 9 a.m.

Grub Wis.

THURS. 31.

Office
Break at nis

FRI. 1. JUNE.

Break at mis
Office till 10.33
Lawrence to Chenute
E.E. Kelly not in town
McClellan & J.A. Cross
Mrs. Eric Shaw
Mrs. Springer

SAT. 2.

a.m. ride with McClellan
walk past J A Cross
house Chenute
12.01 train for Lawrence
office supper at nis.

APPOINTMENTS.

S.B. 57/10
S.Y. 6 P.M.

SUN. 3. Hot

Ch a.m.
Wis all day
for grub
Sprinkle in eve

MON. 4.

Office
Break & Dinner Wis
5.20 to K.C. K.C. to
Yates Centre

TUES. 5.

Yates Centre 3 a.m. Bei
Stephenson & Hoaglund
& S.H. Y.C. to Toronto
Gibson Team to Virgil
own farm. Virgil to

WED. 6. Madison over night
Madison to Eureka &
on to Severy with C.E.M.
Johnson farm East of
Greenwood Hawley & Douglas
Severy over
night.

THURS. 7. See G. R. Jones on
Lv Sierra 8.15 Eureka See
Cahill & Whipple P.M. with
C.E.M. to Cummings
Eureka over night

FRI. 8.
A.M. To Lesley farm
& the mill & Cahill
P.M. Brooks & Moore
Eve Suffrage Show

SAT. 9. Lv Eureka 9 a.m.
via Ingomar Great
rain thunder & lightning
Supper at [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 10. [illegible] Rain

[illegible] 11 a.m. [illegible]

Children's Day

MON. 11.

Office

Frank [illegible]

TUES. 12. [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible]

Topeka over night

WED. 13.

Lv. Topeka 7.30 a.m.

Eskridge 11 a.m.

Clark house to [illegible].

Lv. Eskridge 6 p.m.

[illegible] Burlingame supper. Team to Osage City

THURS. 14.

Team to Youngroot Lodge
& Lyndon mark +
Lv - 9.20 Osage City
8.50

FRI. 15.

Lv O.C. 3 a.m. L. 5 a.m.
Din & Sup at Wis
Office Hot-
rain in Eve } 46 meals
with Sup tonight - 8.76
with 33 out = 8.43 -
1.00 = 7.43

SAT. 16.

[illegible] rain last
night [illegible]
[illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 17. [illegible]

Grubat m's

Ch Eve

mary 6 on hand

MON. 18.

Break at m's

7.43 Rainy Day

1.36

2.79 due

TUES. 19.

6. a.m. to K.C.

Lv K.C. 10.12 to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sugar creek

WED. 20.

6 am [illegible] to marble

a m [illegible] 10 o.c.

Colony 1 PM

[illegible] 2.30

Garnett [illegible]

[illegible]

JUNE, 1894. Din & Home

THURS. 21. Ottawa 12 M.
Soldiers day speech by
McKinley Hot there at
this conference
Office 22 mi from
Bal by Band 2/75

FRI. 22.
Office Hot
Din. & Home

SAT. 23.
Office Hot
Shower 2 M.
Din & Home

APPOINTMENTS.

JUNE, 1894.

SUN. 24.

rain in night

rainy day

Letter to Father

to Brownville

Maine Ch a.m. & p.m.

MON. 25.

great rain Office

Hot

TUES. 26.

Office

Hot

WED. 27.

Office

Hot

Eve showers

Thurs. 28. Office
Letter from Mark from Elgin telling of death of Frank Rick by Lock Jaw. Hol-

Fri. 29.
Office with K.6. Hol-

Sat. 30.
Office
Hol-

Appointments.

JULY, 1894.

SUN. 1.

Hot ~~[illegible]~~ Ch. a.m.
Letter 43 Mary
M's in Eve

MON. 2.

10.30 to Chanute 2.50 P.M.
Came to [illegible] 125-48

High water 26 June
stayed 3 days

TUES. 3.

Lv Chanute 1.45 a.m.
[illegible] 4.25
Lv " 8.47
Lawrence 10.15
Office

WED. 4.

4th of July
Office. P.M. Parade
Speech - Eve. Fire works
rain in night - &
raining a.m. Cloudy P.M.

JULY, 1894.

THURS. 5. Office

Eve Bicycle turnout
Republican Club
Burton spoke

FRI. 6.

Office

Eve S a 1.

SAT. 7.

Office

APPOINTMENTS.

JULY, 1894.

SUN. 8.

[illegible]

Lv 4 [illegible]

Mo in Eve

MON. 9.

[illegible] 10.42

Council [illegible]

Emporia [illegible]

Peace [illegible] Back 9 P.M.

TUES. 10.

Lv 6 A. 10.15 Emporia

Ar 3.10 Madison

40 Lovett

WED. 11. am to Koenig

0041.60 Dinner

at Madison

P.M. to Manis

& back to Madison

over night

F. O. Lovett

Paid Livery

July, 1894.

Thurs. 12. Lv Madison 11.30 Eureka 1.30 Whipple Lewis Cahill Moore &c Zimmerly Freeman Cahill wants tile-Oct- will try to see

Fri. 13. a.m. Hoover Riser Kirk, Hart- will pay 25.00 next week. P.m. team to R. Gibson Mattingley Eldred Cooper Parker

Eureka 10 P.m.

Sat. 14.
Team to Whipple Snyder Robinson Johnson New Morris Cunningham Warner Handford Dinner at Moores on Cunningham farm Eureka 7 P.m.

Appointments.
Lv. Eureka 11.52 for K. C.

SUN. 15.

D. C. 7.20 a.m.
Lawrence 9.42 Letter from
father just home from East
Letter home Ch. a.m. &
Y.P.S.C.E. Eve

MON. 16.

Office till 10 o.c.
Team to Irvin McCord
Fairfield farm
Traction engine
Home 9 p.m.
Curtain talk Smith
of Hoyt

TUES. 17.

Office

WED. 18.

Office
Letter from
Geo Rich
R S.B.Y. — 87.10

JULY, 1894.

THURS. 19.

Office Mi away to K. C. or elsewhere
Eve rain Some

FRI. 20.

Office

SAT. 21.

Office A.M. P.M.
to Twin Mound
Lacefield home by Belvin
10.30

APPOINTMENTS.

JULY, 1894.

SUN. 22.

Ch Letter
home Warm

MON. 23.

Office

TUES. 24.

Office Hot

car load of lick
for Lake Neck [illegible]

WED. 25.

Office
Hot

Hot [illegible]

JULY, 1894.

THURS. 26.

Office Hot

Hot winds

FRI. 27.

Office

Geo. J. Zimmerle here

P.M. Jno Bay note

paid 77.75

Eve 2 Bs in Dr M's office with S.B

SAT. 28.

Office sprinkle

in A.M. early

cloudy very hot—

Eve Mission Service

APPOINTMENTS.

JULY, 1894.

SUN. 29. Ply Ch in am, Park in eve & YPSCE & Dr Litter home talk with Sermon

MON. 30. Office [illegible] Hot [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUES. 31. morning to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] canning factory [illegible] in [illegible] with [illegible] Early 5.30. great SDA [illegible] no rain

WED. 1. AUGUST. Office hot — eve W C S A from Pittsburg

THURS. 2.

Office

[illegible]

FRI. 3.

Office cooler

Eve Sal 1.00

Morning walk S. ontario.
N. to N line of Dunmore via
K.C.U. N to 1st st of Pin [illegible]

SAT. 4.

8.15 [illegible]
[illegible]
Home 5.48 [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 5. [illegible]
Fine day
Letter home
[illegible] A m
Park meeting [illegible]

MON. 6. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Office [illegible]
[illegible]

TUES. 7.
[illegible]
Office
Nervous again
6 to 7 pm

WED. 8. Office [illegible]
Letters from [illegible]
P.M. [illegible]
[illegible]

AUGUST, 1894.

THURS. 9. Walk to S.M.
to office
[illegible] Hot
[illegible] night

FRI. 10.
Work [illegible]
10 a
Office Hot

SAT. 11.
Office hot
Eve did not go to
Sa Supper

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 12.

Hot
Lotta home

MON. 13.

Office Hot
[illegible]

TUES. 14.

Office
Hot

WED. 15.

Office.
Hot

AUGUST, 1894.

THURS. 16.

Office
Walk tannery
Letter from Home
Wi to K, Co.

Rev. J. John E. C. Hr.

FRI. 17. Rain P.M. enough to lay dust

Office H & R
Eve Sa 5.00

SAT. 18. Ex Gov Robinson died today 3.10 am

Office R.R.

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 19.

MON. 20.

TUES. 21.

WED. 22.

THURS. 23.

Office mak'g sashes

FRI. 24.

Office light
rain in night

SAT. 25.

Office
[illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

Nevison again left about 7 P.M

[illegible]

Squeezed between Cider Mill
& top of barn door

SUN. 26.

Morn first —
Up Bh
Letter [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

MON. 27.

Office
[illegible] back
Warm

TUES. 28.

Office
Eve out house fire
S.B.G. — in Dr M.S
till 10.30 or so
with

WED. 29.

Office
Verison She away
little after 6 P.M.
Fellow after Mis Ryke
Mi to Kle on 5.12 P.M.

THURS. 30.

Office [illegible] — [illegible]
She to [illegible]
again [illegible]
[illegible]

FRI. 31.

Walk Pinkney to miss to
Whitman & S.+2. to K.S.U.
& to Haskell orchard
met Wm B. B. rownlle
with white horse,
Office [illegible]

SAT. 1. SEPTEMBER.

[illegible] & hair [illegible]
Walk west-side
[illegible] &c
Office Com=
mence to rain
11.30 a.m. Shower
pretty good
rain
Pay day

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 2.
Letter home Rain
Ch a.m., Cong. preach. by
Kan. State man John
worked windy
Eve Baptist Ch Cong. by
Bible society

MON. 3.
Office

Eve more rain
good rain

TUES. 4.
Office
home

WED. 5.
Office
Letter from
home
Eve Ohio St Col. Ch
& A.P.A. at Rink
Rain

THURS. 6.

[illegible]
[illegible] morning [illegible]
Office [illegible]
P.M.

FRI. 7.

Office, wi to
Leavenworth K.S.Q.
School of Instruction
Warm

SAT. 8.

Office
Warm
Some rain last night
Cloudy day

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 9. Ch a.m 10^00

S. S. B. on Grace
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Letter home

MON. 10.

Office Cooler
wind in N. Letter from
Geo. Rish about his getting
Squeezed

TUES. 11.

Office
Cool
[illegible]

WED. 12.

Office
cool
Letter from home

THURS. 13.

Office
Warmer

FRI. 14.

Office
Commenced to rain
about 3 P.M.
1.30 still raining
S.B.H. — & till 930 P.M.

SAT. 15.

[illegible] spoke about
S.B. being [illegible] in Dr's
[illegible] [illegible]
Office [illegible] [illegible]
day S.B.H. — [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

Dr's [illegible] [illegible] &
D.L. [illegible] [illegible]
together. Each go
down.

SUN. 16.

Ch. Litter
Home Rain
Ch. m. & e

MON. 17.

Office
In home p.m.
+ Leavenworth
Merriman Ker

TUES. 18.

Office till 3.38
p.m. to K.C. with Merri-
man Supper at hotel
Sleeper to Toronto Team to
Severy via Bennetts Streets
Severy over night —

WED. 19.

Wednesday

THURS. 20.

Team to Snyders &
back to Severy for
Dinner & 1.20 train to
Cherryvale Merriman ex
to Oskego Baker farms &
Lr Cherryvale 11.20

FRI. 21.

Ottawa from 4.20 to 8.56
Lawrence 10.
Office
fine rain in night

SAT. 22.

Office

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 23.

Letter to Geo Rich
& home Ch a.m.
Evening
Mis in eve
Picture of F. P. Metcalf

MON. 24.

Office

Bismarck Fair
Opened up

TUES. 25.

a.m. Team to
A. Stone's & J. G. Hunter
Jefferson Co.
P.m. office

WED. 26.

Office
Letter from
home

SEPTEMBER, 1894.

THURS. 27.

Office

Eve. Rink

Daniel Evermeyer

FRI. 28.

Morn. walk over to

Bismark Fair back

8.30 Office

Eve S.B. & Nellie & Dr.

SAT. 29.

Cloudy A.M. Office

with light rain

Clear P.M.

Cooler

APPOINTMENTS.

SEPTEMBER, 1894.

SUN. 30.

Champ P.M.

By Rsg

Letter home

MON. 1. OCTOBER.

[illegible]

TUES. 2.

[illegible]

WED. 3.

To 8.40 Special

to See & hear McKinley

Lv on 10.42 for Eureka

via Emporia

Eureka 5.30

Thurs. 4.

A.M. with C.E.M. to the Shumachers Hodgson Haul- Knudson. back 3 P.M.

Rize

Fri. 5.

with C.E. Moore out State road past Edsel farm to Apr 18-26-12 back to Dinner. Eureka 4 P.M.

Sat. 6.

A.M. with P.M.M. East to 231 a farm To mill & Gregg town P.M. about town Cahill pd. June

Appointments.

Malting pd Sept- Jenne says pd Andrews Oct 15 J.F. Moore H.H. Chandler & Hart- Got left on Santa Fe Took Mo. Pac to K

OCTOBER, 1894.

SUN. 7. K. C. 7.20
Lawrence 9.42
Ch am.
Letter home
Mis. in Eve

MON. 8.

Office
Miss Martin sick

TUES. 9.

7 a.m. Team to
Abi Darnolds
with F. Martell
H. & B. to C. F. Stanleys

WED. 10.

Team to Knudsons
& Russells places in
Jefferson Co.
start 8.30 back 3.30
Dinner at Knudsons
Letter from Home &
John van Horn

Thurs. 11.

Office

Fri. 12.

Office

Eve. Peoples meeting party

Sat. 13.

Office

Eve populist party meeting

Appointments.

October, 1894.

Sun. 14. Church A M
Letter home

Eve Boys Brigade
1.00

Mon. 15.
Office

Fine day

Tues. 16.
Office

Fine day
warm

Wed. 17.
Office

Fine day

OCTOBER, 1894.

THURS. 18.

Office
Warm Rainy

FRI. 19.

Office
Wi to K.C. or 11 0.
Warm

SAT. 20.

Office
Warm Rainy. PM
Eve
Wi to Lake View

APPOINTMENTS. P. M.

OCTOBER, 1894.

SUN. 21.

Fine Warm
Ch a m C2 + Eve
Letter home

MON. 22.

Office Fine Wa
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

TUES. 23.

Office Fine
Warm Walk Adams
[illegible] teeth filled
[illegible] Corner

WED. 24.

Office Walk Spencer
Warm
Fine

OCTOBER, 1894.

THURS. 25.

Walk Office
Hickory nut
Barkers across from

Eve Pby. Ch. Temperance
magic lantern & milk
Reh, political

FRI. 26.

Office walk
K.U. Haskell India
orchard 40a Tracey
Eve Opera House

SAT. 27.

Office m Back
from K.N.G, En
campment at Ottawa
Eve St-John at Rink

APPOINTMENTS.

OCTOBER, 1894.

SUN. 28. S.R. Cool cloudy
Ch a.m. & Rain a.m.
Letter home S.S. 4.30 p.m.
Eve at M.S.

MON. 29.
Office cool cloudy
rain hail
Eve Open house Tracy

TUES. 30.
Office
cloudy cold
[illegible]
Eve M.E.Ch Tracy

WED. 31.
Office
Frosty morning
warmer
Eve warm
M.E. Ch Tracy

NOVEMBER, 1894.

THURS. 1. Office
cloudy cool
Wi to Topeka
P. M.
Rain P M 4.30 to
we

FRI. 2.
Office
Clear day
Wi lake P. M.
Eve Tracy

SAT. 3.
Office fine day
Eve Tracy temperance
lecture
Letter from John

APPOINTMENTS.

NOVEMBER, 1894.

SUN. 4. Fine day
letter home
Ch am.
Eve Tracy lecture Ben Hur

MON. 5.
Office Fine day
Eve Rink
Miller & Blue

TUES. 6.
Election Day
Office
Eve Election Ret.

WED. 7.
Office
Letter from home
Election Returns
Kans. Ohio. New York.

NOVEMBER, 1894.

THURS. 8.

Office
Fine day
Letter from John
via Hare

FRI. 9.

Office
Cold
letter from home

SAT. 10.

Office
Cold day
Mi to H.C.
Eve Ratification

APPOINTMENTS.

after that - E.B. & Dr
Pres E.F.R. & J.Q.A. [illegible]
till 12 M
[illegible]

Sun. 11. Cold morn
Slightly warmer P.M.
Clear cold night
Ch a.m. Letters John
& home

Mon. 12. M's in Evl
Office till
3.15 P.M. take
U.R. to R.R. Take
6.20 Wabash for Toledo

Tues. 13.
On Cars all day
Toledo 4.15
Lv " 5.10
Home 8.30

Wed. 14.
a.m. Geo Riches Cd
with Harry & to town
with Geo for coal &c
P.M. with Geo to Mack
farm Saw Mill
Lumber Eve E. W. M's

NOVEMBER, 1894.

THURS. 15.

over to new stone S.H. with father then to Geo Rich all day pick on apples

FRI. 16.

Beets at hill

SAT. 17.

Carrots at hill lot

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 18.

Home
E.M.M. here
to dinner

MON. 19.

A.M. [illegible]
P.M. [illegible] Church at
home [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in Boston at [illegible]
[illegible] Supper [illegible]

TUES. 20.

Warmer but
hard freeze last
night — Carrots

WED. 21.

Letter from Wi
Warren
finish Carrots
Geo. Rich here
fixing doors
locks &c

THURS. 22.

Finished turnips a.m. P.m. father [illegible] up to Geo's with tools to sharpen them. Hemlock trees [illegible]

FRI. 23.

Cloudy and fair. Finished the husking [illegible] a.m. P.m. hauled straw home. Letter [illegible]

SAT. 24.

a.m. [illegible] P.m. [illegible]

APPOINTMENTS.

SUN. 25.
Home

MON. 26.
a.m. to Geos with a
invitation to Thanks
giving Dinner
P.m. with father to
Chaplin Horse &
Buggy

TUES. 27.
Buck wood &
walk to wood lot
to find Geo Rich
P.m. Steele
Works & Sam Hall's

WED. 28.
a.m. To Geos & over
to Phipps & to S.S. Cruzens
then to wood lot for load
wood P.m. Saw wood
at Home
A & A & Frank over from
Chaplin

7118 the [illegible]

NOVEMBER, 1894.

THURS. 29.

a.m. to Geo E. Stroud for wood

Thanksgiving Dinner here aunt Anna & Lizzie & all the Riches here

FRI. 30.

Rain most all night
a m Home Rainy Day
[illegible] p.m. Stone Quarry
& Geo Richs. [illegible]
Fix fence & draw load wood

SAT. 1. DECEMBER

Rainy day Letter to Wi
Split wood a.m. Fix
fence p.m.
Eve Town for R.R.
Time table

APPOINTMENTS.

mother alice sick abed Ralph sick to

SUN. 2.

Stae foggy cloudy
+ rainy
Home all Day
Eve anti saloon
at Opera house

MON. 3.

a.m. Molland bel. to
Pivey re P.m. To Geo
Dick for around by 4th st.
bridge to Phelps farm
help Geo huck husk at
Geo[illegible] then home for sup. +

TUES. 4.

Start for Lawrence
12.44 a.m. Chicago
9.20 Eth. 80 Elm St
Edith Will Johnsons
Bible Institute
Vandergarden Lv. C. Chi

WED. 5.

K.C. 11.30 a.m
Bum[illegible] Stock yds
Horse market
Eve K.C. K. Sa. W + C
1st Lv K C 9.20
Lawrence 10.42

Thurs. 6.

Office
Warm windy
Letter to father

Fri. 7.

Office warm
Letter from father
a.m.
Telegram 2.30 Mother
died 11 am. today

Sat. 8. [illegible]

Office Wired Em. M. "I can't
go to funeral, had either or both
of us better come". Ans.
"Funeral Tuesday
Father says perhaps

Appointments.

better not come"

Sun. 9. Letter home
Ch a.m.
Y. M's in Eve
Light rain Eve

Mon. 10.
Office
Letter from J. S. Rich
Mr. Shift bot 25.00
Cloudy day
Eve light rain

Tues. 11.
Office all day
K.C. 6.59 8.00 P.M.
Lv KC 9.20
Letter to Harvey

Wed. 12.
Eureka 4.30 a.m
with C.C.M. to look
at applications all
day. fine day north

Thurs. 13.
With C. E. Moore to Schlotterbecks Bernards to Dinner Karraker (old man) & David Sons.

Fri. 14.
With C. E. Moores to Reiters S.S. Cathington Wileys & Irving over night

Sat. 15.
Rain
Irving to Eureka
Eureka till 4.10
No 10th freight to Emporia

Appointments.
Shirley

Telle home

DECEMBER, 1894.

SUN. 16. Lv Emporia 1 a.m. Sleep through Lawrence to Desoto walk back 16 mi. Tri came up & told me of Ralphs death

MON. 17. Ch. in eve
Office
Fine day

TUES. 18.
Office
6,49 p.m. to K.C. 9,10 to Thayer

WED. 19.
Thayer 3.15 a.m.
Team to Neodesha
Ford Brown Dean
Holbert
Sutherland
Lv 11.31 on Mo. Pa.

Thurs. 20.

K.C. 7.15 a.m.
Lawrence 9.42
Office
Letters from father & Eth.

Fri. 21.

Foggy day
Office till
5.10 to Ottawa
To Quenemo over night
~~Saddle horse to Schrader~~

Sat. 22.

Saddle horse to Shrader farm
2 mi E. Cloud co. walk
to Pomona, Ride to Ottawa
Home 4.30 Office till
7.15

Appointments.

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SUN. 23. Ch a.m. & p.m.
Letter home
Not cold
Christmas Services

MON. 24.
Office Mi Quail
Printing. Eve to Ch. S.S.
Christmas Entertainment

TUES. 25.
Office a.m.

Christmas
Eve to Mi's.

WED. 26.
Office cooler
Eve Opera House
Oberlin Glee Club
Letter from
father etc.

THURS. 27.

Office 2° above
Miss M. got here
Fri to K.C. P.M.
Letter to Harry with
10.00 for Block

FRI. 28.

To Lecompton
9 1/2 to See Lawrence
and back 3. O.C.
Cold day

SAT. 29.

Office moderating Standard
Dictionary Came

APPOINTMENTS.

Letters from John
Anna Hare

SUN. 30.

Cham. + P.M.
Letter home

MON. 31.

Office
Mi after
Annie

Tuesday
Jan 1 1895
Office all
Day

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S. H. Hoguelangl

John Shanack
renter of Foster
land 1/2 crop
1/3 hay

60 or 65 a in cul

O. E. Thompson ~~~
Ypsilanti Mich. ~~~
Root Cutter ~~~

1002 ... Sept

1019 ... B

1016 O.F.B.

935 [illegible]
836 "
[illegible] 45

May 13

9 AM 9 Jr

Caslin [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] 19

Guarantee Co of Denver

1321 Ken [illegible]

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FEB.	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
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MAR.	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
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APRIL.	..	1	2	3	4	5	6
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MAY.	..	..	..	1	2	3	4
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JULY.	..	1	2	3	4	5	6
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	28	29	30	31	..	..	..
AUG.	..	..	..	..	1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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SEPT.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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OCT.	..	..	1	2	3	4	5
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TUES. 1. Office all day

WED. 2. Office
Letter from
father & Harry
Letter to Ethel 20.00

THURS. 3. Office
Very light – fine Sn. on a.m.
Colder P.M.

FRI. 4.
Office
Postal from Harry
About – black

SAT. 5.
Office wet – misty [illegible]
Letter from Ethel &
from John & Marion via Har[ry]

SUN. 6.

P.M. ... 7 P.S.G. ...

Letter home

MON. 7.

Office. P.M. grow colder

M... from Leaven-worth A.M.

TUES. 8.

Office. Clear

colder. Eve

WED. 9. Letters from home

Office

fine day fine Roads

fine sleighing

THURS. 10.

Office

fine day. Not so cold

as yesterday. Eve. S.A.

FRI. 11.

Office. windy

grow cold all day

0° at 7.30 P.M.

SAT. 12. 9° below

Office. Fine Day

SUN. 13.
Ch. a.m. & P.m.
Letter home
[illegible]

MON. 14. Gov. Morrill inaugurated
[illegible] The first
fall of snow as [illegible]
rain in a.m.
M. to Topeka p.m.
Gov Lelling [illegible]

TUES. 15.
Office
M. in Topeka all
day Eve. [illegible]

WED. 16.
Office Letter from
Home Father said
Englishman Hall would
be there Tues. 15" to get [illegible]

THURS. 17. Eve Annual meeting of
Office Cong. Church
Cold in [illegible]
Cough [illegible]

FRI. 18.
Sick to stomach all night
in to see Dr. two times toward
morning. Lay down most
all day

SAT. 19. Office a little
while in a.m.
Lay down most all
day

Mi up for 3 times About her Hall

SUN. 20.
Letter home 3 times letter
Not to Church 'once with' Ethel
Dwyer at L. House

MON. 21. Thunder lightning
hail rain Snow last night
frosty morning Clear day
office all day

TUES. 22.
office Fine day
Mi to Topeka
Letter from John via Hart

WED. 23.
office fine day
A letter Ex from May to
Mi which did not S.A.

THURS. 24.
office cold east wind
air full of snow
for a little while

FRI. 25. office Snow
blow all day

SAT. 26. office
Sleighing

SUN. 27. Fine day
Ch a.m. Letter from

MON. 28 P.M. Office
Fine day cold
Fine sleighing [illegible] Eve

TUES. 29.
[illegible] cold
[illegible] Birth day 7°
[illegible] in middle of
day) Kansas 34 birthday
below 0° in morn.

WED. 30.
Office
Wi to Topeka P.M.
Surber sold the land
Letter from Home

THURS. 31.
Office Day of Prayer
for College
[illegible]
Eve colder & snowing
Letter from Geo Rich

FRI. 1. FEBRUARY.
Office below 0°
in morning (Dem. Club
Wi to Topeka P.M. in Eve

SAT. 2.
Office
Fine Cold
Accident to Hook & L
Warmer P.M.

SUN. 3. Church a.m. & P.m.
Snow all a.m. & part of P.m. then clear off cold Zero
Letter to Geo Rich & home

MON. 4.
Office cold
Note
Harry C Easton 175.
Dated Feb 4 Due 2 yrs

TUES. 5.
Office cold

M to Topeka P.M.

WED. 6. Office
Snow & blow 0°
Cold Letter from Home
told Great Storm all

THURS. 7. Office cold
May Russell married Jan 5 O.C. today
Mr. Marsh not at office

FRI. 8.
Office cold
below 0° am
warmer P.M. 10° 10 P.M.

SAT. 9.
Office
not so cold very light
Snow.

SUN. 10.
Letter home
Ch a.m. Mrs Eve
cold

MON. 11. Dr. Mott. to Topeka
Office — on Hillman
Trial
cold
Night 1 till 2 S.B.Q. — in Dr's
room
St. Joe.
~~TUES. 12.~~ Office
from Des Moines via
Harl here 9.42 a.m.
Dinner & sup. at Mrs.
My room over night

WED. 13. Office Letter from Home
Break. & Dinner at
Mrs. Harl to Des Moines via
K.C.& Oskaloosa on 3.45 U.P.

THURS. 14.
Office
Warmer
Mi to Topeka a.m.

FRI. 15. Office
Walk morning

SAT. 16. Office
Warmest day in-Feb.
Eve cold S. wind

SUN. 17. Letter Home | $5.00
Ch a.m. K.C. City Missions
Eve by Shafer
Light rain in a.m. freezing as fell did not [illegible]

MON. 18.
Office Wet snow & drizzle a.m. & [illegible] p.m.

TUES. 19.
Office Wi & Mr Russell to Topeka
Eve to Dykes 1st lecture on Greenland, Cook CX

WED. 20.
Office Warner
Wi to Topeka a.m.
Eve Colored B. Church

THURS. 21. No letter from home
Office
letter from [illegible] to Wi with pictures of herself. Sig in Chicago just back from Toronto

FRI. 22.
Office
Miss [illegible] at home with sick brother
P.M. Wi to Harrison farm

SAT. 23.
Office [illegible]
Wi [illegible] in a.m.
Only no letter from home [illegible] [illegible]

SUN. 24.
Morn Pleasant
letter home
Ch. A.M. Mis' Eve

MON. 25. Office Foggy Morn
Rain P.M. & Eve
State G.A.R. Encampment
Letter from home

TUES. 26.
Office
rainey
Eve Campfire at Bk

WED. 27.
Office
Rainey
muddy

THURS. 28.
Office
Cloudy
Eve windy growing cold

FRI. 1. MARCH.
Office
windy cold

SAT. 2. Office not so cold
Eve, Dr. S.B. & Harry
Apitz

SUN. 3. Ch. A.M. 1/2 in snow
Seton home P.M.
Mis in Eve
Cold wave 14° above
zero

MON. 4. Office cold morning
Fine day
Eve Dr. S.B. Harry Maud
Jennie. Aputz 7 mo.
Later S.B. & Dr.
14 in in Box

TUES. 5. Dr threw in arch 7.30
a.m. Dorsey in R. ...
Office Eve to Dyke
lecture. S.B. at Puss

WED. 6. Office
K.C. 6.45 P.M.
Columbus 10 P.M.

THURS. 7.
Columbus 5 a.m.
Train to Osborns August
& Ferrett Logan
Cherokee Lib

FRI. 8. Columbus to Cherryvale
Thompson Bro. Thayer one
night
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

SAT. 9. [illegible], 5.30 to Ottawa
Ottawa 2 a.m. [illegible] 10 L.
Office

SUN. 10. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] PM

MON. 11.
Office
Cool Cloudy
1/2 in snow in morning

TUES. 12. Office, cool
cloudy misty part of
time. Wi to Lake view
a m [illegible]

WED. 13.
Office Letter to Harry
Cold cloudy snow in
air most of all day
Letters from Home Failure
of Mr. H. L. Mussey

THURS. 14.
Office Cold cloudy
8° above in morning
Wi to Denver for Miss Parkinson
on night train. Letter from J. W. [illegible]

FRI. 15. Office Cold cloudy
Snow in air most all time
till late p.m.

Walk to R & Ms house W Cidla
Opposite Perkins. morn.

SAT. 16. Office
Walk Griffith house
morn } Eve M. E. [illegible]
Chan. M[illegible]

SUN. 17. Ch. A.M.
Letter home
Eve Baptist Ch. Pitkin
S.V. Mission work

MON. 18. Office
Eve Good Cit. League
Bap Ch, then to G.R.
Wendling The man of Galilee

TUES. 19.
Office Rain A.M.
Snow all P.M.
Repub. Primary

WED. 20. Letters from home & Geo Rich
Office
Fine day Severe in the
snow melt
wet sloppy fine
THURS. 21. over head
Office
Fine day

FRI. 22.
Office
Mi had letter from
[illegible] direct
to the Topeka P.M.
SAT. 23. [illegible] drying up
Office
Fine day

SUN. 24. Letter to [illegible]
Letter from
Ch a.m. & P.m.
Dinner at [illegible]

MON. 25. Office
Old Dr. Molten on a
rampage last night
smashed the glass in his
bed room door &c &c.

TUES. 26.
Office [illegible]
Eve [illegible]

WED. 27. Office letter
from home Warm
Wi. to Greenwood 6.0
6.45 P.m. [1.00]
Eve Pby. Ch missionary from Turkey

THURS. 28.
Office Warm
Eve Mrs Scott-Siddons
Mrs Clara Murray
.50 ch

FRI. 29. Office Warm 85°
boys Barefoot.
Wi back from Greenwood
8.0 a.m. Lost Elbe letter
from John

SAT. 30.
Office Warm
Sprinkle all day

Mr. M.

SUN. 31. Ch. a m & P.M.
Letter home & to
Geo Rich
Dinner at Wilders
Thunder shower P.M.

MON. 1. APRIL.
Office Snow &
drizzle all day

TUES. 2. Office
M left for home &
the East P.M.

WED. 3. Office
morning to see White to fix
sidewalks at Eulmans
house.
Eve Christian Ch .25

THURS. 4.
Office
75.00 Mtg to Grant Ridley

FRI. 5.
Office windy day
Eve Rain & wind

SAT. 6. Office
drizzle all day
cool

SUN. 7. Ch a m & p.m.
Letter home
Dinner with Mary
at Lawrence Hotel

MON. 8. Rain p.m.
Office cloudy
cool clear off

TUES. 9. p.m.
Office
Fine Day

WED. 10. Office Mr. P. to N.G.
Letter from home
Fine Toby.n Sa
" S.B.a. — tel 10 [illegible]
" rain little

THURS. 11. Office
warm

FRI. 12.
Office warm

SAT. 13.
Office warm

Sun. 14. Church a.m.
To Mr S.B. & Sara
Letter Home
to Peter Smith

Mon. 15. Office
Cloudy little rain a.m.
& good rain in Eve.
[illegible] Boston today

Tues. 16. Mr Russell [illegible]
office down, Miss
Ratcliff up there P.m.
Cool Cloudy Clear SP.? — Eve
up Eve

Wed. 17. Office
Russell not down
Miss R. up there P.m.
Clear warm
Letter from home & S.R.

Thurs. 18.
Office Fine day
Mr Russell down today
Eve horse back Mrs horse

Fri. 19.
Office fine day
Cool nights
Mr Russell in country
most all day Office after
4 P.m.

Sat. 20. Office Warm
Russell down a.m.
Cloudy P.m. eve Sprinkle
Bed [illegible] 12 m.

SUN. 21. Ch. A.M. & P.M.
Dinner at [illegible]
Letter home. [illegible]
200 darkeys baptized in
MON. 22. Sprinkled P.M.
Office
Fine day
Horseback in the [illegible]
TUES. 23. Eve S.B. [illegible]
To Topeka 9.42 [illegible]
H.W. Browne Houstle
Home 4.2 Warm Letter from Harl
WED. 24. [illegible] John
Office warm
Letter from [illegible]
Mr R. to Lecompton
Letter to Jas Rich
THURS. 25. Office cloudy
up but could not rain
warm.

FRI. 26. Office warm
Eve Horseback

SAT. 27. Office warm
11,30 P M Opera house
3 on fire Mr Russell
went away today

SUN. 28. Ch. A.M. & P.M.
Letter home
" to Hart. Short music
Warm — S.B. & Sarah

MON. 29. Mr Russell away
Office
warm windy
dusty tried to rain
only very small sprinkle

TUES. 30
Office warm
" Mr. R. away
(this way
Eve S.B. & Paul in room

WED. 1. MAY.
Letter Home & John
Office Cloudy a.m.
Sprinkle L.S. Meeting
Eve. Link. anniversary
of Prohibition in Kansas

THURS. 2.
Office warm
Eve. Good thunder shower
10.30 [illegible] H
Polem [illegible]

FRI. 3.
Office warm
Letter to Harlan P.
another fine thunder
shower this P.M.
Mr R. Came home last night

SAT. 4. at home all day [illegible]
Office Mr home
Letter from J.S. Rich

Sun. 5. Letter house
Ch a.m. P.m.
dinner at Wilsons

Mon. 6. Office work
Showers in night
6.45 K.C. 9.20 M.O.P.
for Eureka

Tues. 7. Eureka 5 a.m.
in town all day P.M. P.M.
at home from Allen Co. at
noon look at towns house
&c

Wed. 8. Drive with P.M.M.
Olsen Robinson Snider
&c Dinner at
Olsens
Eureka 9 P.M.

Thurs. 9. With P.M.P. to
Whipple Hurd Lawrence
& Bocook. Bocook ^O. Harris over night
Dinner at Whipple place
Schlatter Thrall

Fri. 10. Leave Bocook 7 a.m.
Eureka 10 a.m. look at Chandler
Rain & Nichols. Rizer pd
me 10.80 bal. Dec 94, inf - P.M. To
Neal via. Hamilton S. Colder
wind Sand Rain

Sat. 11. Take train at Neal 12.27
a.m. for K.C. Lawrence 9.12
Office

 S.B.C.

Sun. 12. Letter to [illegible] Sarah
Ch. a.m. & p.m. [illegible]
Dinner at Lawrence
house with Miss Mary

Mon. 13.
Office
Frosts all over
country last night
more [illegible]

Tues. 14.
Office Mr R. B.
[illegible] Mi. to Arkansas
City. 1.50 to Elysia Republ

Wed. 15.
Office
[illegible]
[illegible]

Thurs. 16.
Office
C.H.B. P.M.
m. back from Arkansas City

Fri. 17. Office
walk 2 mi north
find lucky stone
in [illegible]

Sat. 18. Office

Sun. 19. Letter home
letter from home 8 B...
Shower a.m. & pretty
good rain in eve.
Chas. & Tom. mi to Dinner

Mon. 20.
Office

Tues. 21.
Office mi. to Denver
on P.O.H. train
Letter from John Ma ...
Income tax law declared unconstitutional

Wed. 22.
Office
Eve Eng. Letter

Thurs. 23.
Office
Eve S.B. of Ryan
in L.H.S. Graduating

Fri. 24.
Office
Eve L.H.S. Graduating
Sprinkle

Sat. 25.
Office mi home
from Denver
Big rain west yesterday
none here

Sun. 26. Ch a.m. S.S. 9 [illegible]
Letter home P.M. read
Eve ms. Letter from Home

Mon. 27.
Office warm & windy dusty
Eve S S. & Pass 6 to 8,30

Tues. 28.
Office windy
M. to Hutchinson on night train

Wed. 29. Office warm & windy
dusty M. back from H. [illegible]
Eve. 9 o'clock [illegible]

Thurs. 30. Decoration day office
rain early. walk to cemetary
Quantril raid mont.
rain a.m. Quantrel mont dec.
P.M. Eve. Big rain good [illegible]

Fri. 31. [illegible]
Office warm windy
dry w/o [illegible]
Good [illegible]

Sat. 1. June.
Office

SUN. 2. [illegible]

MON. 3. Office [illegible]

TUES. 4. Start 6 a.m. & Arnold Hyer, McKinney, McClintock, back 1.30 p.m.
Office rather cool

WED. 5. Office warmer
Mi to Leavenworth
S.G. & Puss supper
McBreeze 51a 2 cr. [illegible]

THURS. 6. Office
Mi back on Plug in Eve,
Mom walk Stimson

FRI. 7. Corner & through Bis Park,
Office warm

SAT. 8. Office warm
[illegible]

SUN. 9. Pittsburgh arrive

Allday day

P.m. Rain Eve. Rain

Great rain

Up to mis Eve

MON. 10.

Office may in [illegible]

for Otto a.m. River

up Hooping warm

TUES. 11.

Good Office

[illegible] Rain in a.m.

Dr. to Lake Early

back after rain

WED. 12.

Office warm

Eve S.B. on Pres 7 to 8.45

Eve 9 Rain

THURS. 13.

Office warm

Fine day

FRI. 14. Office warm

Theatre rain only

sprinkle

SAT. 15. Office

Letter from home

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SUN. 16. Ch. a.m. Y. P.M.
Childrens day in eve
Mi away to Wichita
Letters from John via Ward
Mabm — Mi, away P.M.

MON. 17.
Office Mi away
all day. P.M. & Eve
rain Great rain 2 in in
1/2 hour

TUES. 18. 10.30 to Baldwin
Baldwin Stone Knox
walk to Yagers take
train at Hilson home 5 0 c

WED. 19. Office Mi. to Lake P.M.
Office fine day
Eve tramp orators on
bank corner
S.B. T — 6.30 to 9.30

THURS. 20. 10.35 to Ottawa
Wm McKinley Speak G.A.R.
Lv. Ottawa 6.55 P.M.
ar Lyndon 8.00 P.M.

FRI. 21 Lv Lyndon 6.45
Richards Francis Madison
Dinner Melvern Goodell
Fisher Sams Boyd Ridgway
Meeck youngwort Osage City
50 mi.

SAT. 22.
Lv Osage City 6.40
Morgan Lindbloom
Todd Bacon Burlingame
Lawrence 5.20 Office
Great Show for rain
na...

S.B. 7.0 ...

SUN. 23. Hot to Church
Park meetings in Eve.
Commenced
Letter from father Warm
in Ito

MON. 24.
Office
Hot
Ride with Wilder Eve

TUES. 25.
Office Hot Big black
Clouds all day No Rain
walk to Gibsons onion patch
Eve S.B.T. 6.15 to 7.15

WED. 26.
Office Warm
P.M. M. to Independence with Brownell

THURS. 27. Office
Letter from John via Anna
M. back from Independence
P.M.

FRI. 28. Office Cooler
Cloudy Eve, Eight
mi

SAT. 29. Office Cool, Cloudy
drizzle all day Letter
from Rome

Sun. 30. Cloudy
Ch. a.m.
Letter home

Mon. 1. July.
Office till 10.30
Southern Team to Rich-
mond Joshua Taylor farm
Cloudy

Tues. 2. 6 a.m. team Beltown
Conley farm, Burnam
farm, Jonas. &
Harbison Back 7 pm

Wed. 3. Office
Letter from father &
Ere 2nd
~~Letter from father~~ [illegible]

Thurs. 4. Office a.m.
Good rain P.M. but-
Glorious 4" all same
Fire works Eve
~~sprinkle all [illegible]~~

Fri. 5.
Steady rain all night
Thier
warm
Polie 4.5.4. 4 to 5

Sat. 6. Office [illegible]
[illegible] ride with [illegible]
Letter from father

SUN. 7. Ch a.m. Letter home

MON. 8. Office
Lv p.m. for K.C.
K.C. to Fort Scott
Ft. Scott 9 p.m.

TUES. 9. Rain all day
Team to N.O. Father
Campbell. Lv Ft. S. 1.45
Hepler 3. walk to Gaylords
Gaylords over night

WED. 10.
with Gaylord to R. Williams
& Weddles. dinner at Heplers
Hepler to [illegible] [illegible] to Girard
out to Dormans Girard all night

THURS. 11.
Team Girard to Cherokee
Cherokee to Columbus
with Logan to Haney
Cloudy/[illegible] Rainy Col[illegible]

FRI. 12. [illegible] to Oswego
To Lane farm, Oswego to
[illegible] [illegible] Kastor alternate
to Cherryl. To Baker. Cherryl
to Thayer

SAT. 13. Team to Swain Ford
Ray Seamans Taylor
Palmer Ray
Lv Thayer 5.30 Chanute McClellan

SUN. 14. R.C. 7 a.m.
Lawrence 9.42
Letter home

MON. 15.
Office
hot - ride with M Eve

TUES. 16. Team to Calvin &
Surber Hot -
Start - 6.15 Dinner at
Surbers Home at 8.30

WED. 17. Office M to R.C.
Hot - Ride with M in
Evening.

THURS. 18. Office
Great Rain in night -
Letter from Ethel
S.Y. + Pflen 4 to 5

FRI. 19.
Office
Cooler Some rain
in early morn

SAT. 20. Big rain early in
morn, Clear off
Office Eve Ride with M
to see Wauhanusa very
high & broad.

SUN. 21. Letter Home
Ch. am. Baptist
Ch. eve. light shower
P.M.

MON. 22.
Office
5.25 to Ottawa on E.
Evening

TUES. 23. Left 1.25 am Ocd
Take steps 2 am to
Swan Lawrence Bay &
Iola 6 am Dinner Bay and
Iola over night.

WED. 24.
Team woods to Carrier.
Thrasher Lv Iola
1.37 Home 4.22

THURS. 25. Office
1.40 Buggy to Shrumpli
(north Co.) back 2 P.M.
Office Eve Ride with
T.M. Letter from father

FRI. 26.
Office
Hot

SAT. 27.
Office
Letter from Ethel

SUN. 28. Ch. A.M.
Hazen miss from
India letter Rome

MON. 29. office
P.M. m to Fields funeral Great rain S.B.P.
thunder & lightning ...

TUES. 30.
office
M. to Lake for
dinners

WED. 31. office ...
walk to Adams HO
...e Ride with M

THURS. 1. AUGUST.
office
... S.B. & Pres
Service ... —
not so Hot

FRI. 2. office
... K.C. 6.2. ...
K.C.

SAT. 3.
Toledo 4.20 PM
Elyria 8 PM

SUN. 4. Walk to Geo Richs Chas Risk. Very Home all day

MON. 5.
Ethel married Harrold Farmer Hall pick peas &c

TUES. 6.
Thrash between Showers 40 bu wheat 33 " oats

WED. 7. To Hill lot with boys for Bynes with geo. Rich to west side with load sand P.M. to Sheffield with Geo, for sand for & [illegible] Brick 541 from [illegible] to [illegible]

THURS. 8.
A.M. Hoe in garden
P.M. Hog at Hill lot

FRI. 9.
To lake with father & kids [illegible] staying there at Robs ( )

SAT. 10. To G. Rich a.m. with boys. to cultivating walk to wood lot
P.M. wood lot hoeing beans

Sun. 11.
at home
Letter to W
Good Rain

Mon. 12.
Read a.m.
P.m. Hill lot hoeing

Tues. 13.
A.m. Hill lot
P.m. To Oberlin
with Father see Uncle Fran
Wed. 14 Read letters from Eliz. in Ind.
a.m. with Geo. Rich to Geo
Daniels [illegible]
P.m. Hill lot dig potatoes
Eve over to Uncle Elijah's

Thurs. 15.
a.m. dig potatoes at
Hill lot
P.m. at home [illegible]
in garden

Fri. 16.
Fetter boys to lake
for Elijah father stop
at Sheffield [illegible]
institute Geo Rich [illegible]

Sat. 17.
a.m. Geo. Rich. [illegible]
P.m. Rain Read
Eve over to Uncle Elijah's

SUN. 18.
Home
letter to Moler

MON. 19.
[illegible] Home.
P.M. [illegible] wood
[illegible] with father
[illegible]

TUES. 20.
A.M. Garden & [illegible]
[illegible] Dinner at Geo.
Richs. [illegible] Home
[illegible] Hants, dig

WED. 21. potatoes in garden
To Lake (Roots) with
father May & Keyes

THURS. 22.
Home, wood [illegible]
[illegible] beans [illegible]
[illegible] Electric Road to
steel plant - with Geo

FRI. 23.
Home all day
Read fish for
carp

SAT. 24.
A.M. Geo Rich barn well
Dinner at Geo's
P.M. House well
Some rain in A.M.

SUN. 25. Fine day
Read
Father sick P.M.

MON. 26. [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] 6 P.M.
[illegible]

TUES. 27.
K.C. 9.45 } Eve S.a. parade
K.C. [illegible] (?) }
Lawrence 10.42 } 6. M ——

WED. 28.
Office
rain a.m.
M in K.C. last night
Home on 9.45 Hot

THURS. 29.
Office
rain in night
cooler

FRI. 30. Office
Hot Mr. Hatch of
Baltimore here

SAT. 31. big rain in night
Office

SUN. 1. Letter Home
Baptist Ch Eve

MON. 2. Office
Labor Day
Wi to
K.P. G. Encampment
at Emporia

TUES. 3. Office
Hot Brides 25
Tokology 275

WED. 4. Office Hot
M.E. Ch. Ch.

THURS. 5. Hot Office

Tne S.A.

FRI. 6. Office
Great Rain a.m.
miss Manter not down
in a.m. Eve Caucus

SAT. 7. Office
Wi Home from Emporia
Carey
S.T.B., 4 P. in Eve

SUN. 8. Ch. a.m. M.E. Ch. Eve
Letter home
Mi up P.M.
Great rain P.M.

MON. 9. Office
Hot

TUES. 10. Office
Hot
Ride with Mi 5. P.M.
Jimmie [illegible]

WED. 11. Office
Hot - 94°

THURS. 12. Office
Hot
Eve S.B. + P.
She left 4.15
He

FRI. 13. Office
Hot-

SAT. 14. Office 96° Hot
Letter from home
6 to 9
Eve S.B. + P. } ordered him out - !!!!!

Sun. 15. Ch a.m. & P.m. Hot Letter home

Mon. 16. Office Hot

~~Swidy return ticket Monday 4 Sept - two days~~

M. off a.m. for Chatta=nooga dedication of Chickamanga battlefield on Gov. Morrills Staff

Tues. 17. Office Hot - 96°

Wed. 18. Office Hot - 97°

Eve Ply Prayer M. Letter from home

Thurs. 19. Office Windy 90°

Eve Rode Squirrel ½ hour

Fri. 20. Office cool Windy 87°

Sat. 21. Office Windy dusty

SUN. 22. Cloudy warm
mild 11 a.m. wind shift
to west rain cold
change 22° in hour
Letter from home clear eve
cold

MON. 23. Office
Light frost last night
cool clear day

TUES. 24. Office Frost
Mi home a.m. from
Chattanooga & Atlanta
Warmer P.M. & Eve

WED. 25. Office
Letter from home
Eve good showers
Warm

THURS. 26. Office
Warm
letter from Hal with 2
from John

FRI. 27.
Office
Fine day

SAT. 28.
Office cloudy Warm
Early
Cooler Eve clear
Letter from Father
Wi, up here Exc.

SUN. 29. A. a. M.
Mis. Exc. Letter home
no school last-week no
S.S. to day no school this

MON. 30. week Diphtheria
frosty morning hardest yet
Office clear day
Goodman chattle [illegible]
Due [illegible]

TUES. 1. OCTOBER.
Office frost-
walk at [illegible] 2 m[illegible]

WED. 2.
Office walk at the
morning [illegible]
[illegible]

THURS. 3. Office
P.M. Rain softly

FRI. 4. Office
Rain in night-
cloudy damp day

SAT. 5.
Office
Letter from father
[illegible]

SUN. 6. Light rain Cearing
bitter home

MON. 7.
Office

TUES. 8.
Office till
5.22 K.C. K.C.
for Eureka

WED. 9.
Eureka 4.35
" all Day

THURS. 10.
Drive Eureka to
Severy Tarser Eldred
Cooper Graham Moore
Street Haskins Sharp

FRI. 11. staid at
Severy over night
Hilyard Whitican Ritchie
Torlan Riggle Hawley Snider
Few Morris Marker
Handford

SAT. 12.
Eureka all day
11.48 Ev. for K.C.

SUN. 13. Frosty morn
K.C. 7.15 Warm day
Lawrence 9.42
Church A.M. & P.M. (B) (Bus)
Letter home

MON. 14. Office
Fine day

TUES. 15. Office
Fine day
M. Fowler

WED. 16.
Office
Fine day

THURS. 17.
Office
Fine day

FRI. 18.
Office
M. Blindshiff to N.
to Leavenworth P.M.

SAT. 19.
Office Letter from
Father

Sun. 20.
Ch a.m. [illegible]
Mrs in Eve
[illegible]

Mon. 21.
Office

Tues. 22.
Office

Wed. 23.
Office
Dr. Esterly 1 filling
Eve. PBy Ch

Thurs. 24.
Office
400 Chattle to
J. H. Brewer

Fri. 25.
Office fine day
walk around Adams
40.

Sat. 26. Water works
Office
fine day

SUN. 27. Ch a.m.
Letter home &
letter from home
Eve to Wieders

MON. 28.
Office

TUES. 29.
Office
Hoadly fire
6 a.m.

WED. 30.
Office

THURS. 31.
Office Earth Quake 5.15 a.m.
Cloudy damp
Sprinkle

FRI. 1. NOVEMBER.
Office
Dr Coordiges History
of Lawrence

SAT. 2.
Office fine day
KU 52 old Dr [illegible]
SU 0 last night &
[illegible] gas out

SUN. 3. Chapman & P.M.
Letter Home

MON. 4. Office
fine day

TUES. 5.
Office
5.13 to K.C. K.C.
for Grenola

WED. 6.
Grenola McClellan
White [illegible] Stockton
Grenola to Moline

THURS. 7. [illegible] a m
Burr Hack Chapman
Longton Boone McDonald
Chapman Shirtliff (40)
Lv. L. 11.30

FRI. 8. Ottawa 5.30
Lawrence 10.
Office

SAT. 9. Office
K.C. [illegible]
3 to 6

SUN. 10. Ch am Wis
in Eve. Letter home
Fine day

MON. 11. Office
5.13 K.C.
7.10 Lv K C for Nevada
Mo. 11.10

TUES. 12.
Team to Beales farm
Dinner at " "
Insane Asylum Water Wks
Lake park Lv 7.10 K C 12

WED. 13.
Lv K C 815 Lawrence
at 9.42 Office
Eve P By Ch Cloudy

THURS. 14.
Office

Eve Clear

FRI. 15. Office
Wi after quail
Eve soldier from Leavenworth

SAT. 16. Office
Wi after quail again
K.S.U. 8 Neb. 4

SUN. 17. Chain Mr Eve fine day
Letter home

MON. 18.
Office
Fine warm clouded up
in Eve—Windy turning

TUES. 19. Office Cold
Keene

WED. 20. Office
Sent History Lawrence
to Father
Letter Warner P.M.

THURS. 21. Office fine Day

FRI. 22.
Office

SAT. 23.
Office
Letter from
Father clouds try to
rain or snow

SUN. 24. Ch a m
Rain & freeze slippery
Eve to mis. Mi to Butler
Ka. 5.13 p.m. Letter home

MON. 25.
Office mi did not
go to Butler Ka
Rain turn to snow meek
or so

TUES. 26.
12 above zero
Office Fair day

WED. 27.
Office warm
R & M 150, oct & Nov
A.B. Sergeant 1 yr 10% $150.

THURS. 28.
mi [illegible] T.H.E. Kansas on
Missouri foot ball
Mo. 10 Kans. 6
[illegible] day Eve S a

FRI. 29.
Office
Rox [illegible] pd to R & M

SAT. 30.
Office Letter from [illegible]
Eve Rain

SUN. 1. Ch a.m. Eve Mis
~~[illegible]~~ Snow little &
Grow Cold Eve clearing
Letter home

MON. 2. Office 6° above
J F Ryer 2.25
Ev- 7.88
W H McClary Challet .20

TUES. 3.
Office 8° above
Walk 2 mi 5 1/2 [illegible]

WED. 4. Office
Cold some snow in
a.m. Dinner at
Mis.

THURS. 5. Office
M to Walnut
New house here
J H Wood here
(Mrs Lyons 10 above 0°)

FRI. 6. Office
Warmer

SAT. 7. Office Mi back
from Walnut 9.42 [illegible]
Letter from home

SUN. 8. Ch a m
Y.P.S. & Ch. Ev.
Letter home

5:13 AM Sarah's Y. in [illegible] heart [illegible]

MON. 9. Office [illegible] in 9.27
Adams Note 90 [illegible]
N.P.S. Ck Cr 36.00

TUES. 10. Office
Fine day
Went up N.Y.
Basket of apples from Wilder [illegible]

WED. 11. Office
[illegible] Letter from [illegible]
[illegible] grave [illegible]
[illegible]

THURS. 12. Office
cloudy day clear in the [illegible]

FRI. 13. Office
fine day

SAT. 14.
Office
fine day
Letter from home
Cr.
[illegible] fine
[illegible]

Sun. 15. Ch. a.m.
Fine day not-[illegible]
Letter home & to Geo. Rich
Eve at Mis read letters from John [illegible]

Mon. 16. Office
Windy day rain

Tues. 17. rain a little while
before day light-
raining again at 11.30
Office Eve S. a. 1st

Wed. 18. Office
Rain all day most-
McLeod Lieu. Colonel of
1st Reg. K. A. A.

Thurs. 19. Office
Snow most all day
falling in mud

Fri. 20.
Snow all a.m. & more
Office not-very [illegible]

Sat. 21. Office

SUN. 22. Champaign
Letter home
Mr Eve
$1.50 to Sam't again in P.M.
Muddy

MON. 23. Office
Cloudy
Sh and 1/4

TUES. 24. Office
rain all day
Eve. Snow
$40.00 Sent home in letter to Mama
White Christmas

WED. 25. Office a.m.
Dinner Lawrence House
P.M. & Eve Room
Wr' up Eve Read till 1.15

THURS. 26. Office
Wr' nich letter from home
Mr 3 to Supper a got apples

FRI. 27. Office
Fine day

SAT. 28. Office
Warm Eve Turn
over a ne[w] leaf
letter from home

SUN. 29. Ch a m
Eve Xmas doing
Mis. M. Russell
[illegible] there A.B.G.F.M. 160

MON. 30. office
W to Topeka 11.45
back 5.13
12° above [illegible]

TUES. 31. office
P.M. after quail

Date.	June 9 5	Received.	Paid.
12	On hand	157.05	
	Teeth Dr Estaly		4 00
	oranges		10
13	Cdy		05
	Room rent		7 00
13	Lawrence Memorial		50
14	Grub fruit		20
15	"		5
15	Ch. Slip rent		25 00
	meal ticket		4 00
	Laundry		90
	Shave		10
16	SS Childrens day		1 00
18	oranges & cdy		10
	{R & M Dinner at Baldwin}		25
19	Bread		15
19	Grub fruit		15
20	Dinner & Sup		70
21	bed & Break		70
	Team Fisher 5 00		2 75
	dinners 2 [illegible]		50
	Sup O, City		20
22	Break & bed		1 00
	Team O.C. to Burling		2 50
	2 Dinner & feed for team Mrs Smith.		75
	[illegible] & Osage		
	96.5		
	R & M Fisher		5 [illegible]

Date.		Received.		Paid.	
June 24	Adams Note Paid	20	00		
	" Int.		70		
26	H. Cooper's Childs Burial				25
28	[illegible]				15
29	"				15
	Shave				10
	Com. July 1st	10	50		
July 1	[illegible]				90
2	Apples				10
3	Govt. Risley loan	76	88		
	Recording deeds				25
3	Milage 209. Due from him 10.75			10	75
4	[illegible]				10
5	Meal ticket			4	00
	fruit				10
6	" [illegible]				20
8	[illegible]				10
	[illegible]	75	00		
	John [illegible] Mtg			125	00
5	Apples				5
"	Laundry				25
6	[illegible] grinding				15
15	Rent pd to July 1st			7	00
16	Bread				05
16	Bananas				10
19	Candy				10

Date.		Received.	Paid.
July			
20	apples 5 Cdy 10		15
	Shave		10
	W C.		5
	[illegible]		[illegible]
22	Cdy 5 Beggar 5		10
24	[illegible]		15
25	[illegible]		[illegible]
	July 25 on Hand	144,45	
30	[illegible]		10
	apples		5
Aug 1	Stockings		60
	Tie		20
Aug 1	[illegible] July		[illegible]
	[illegible]		[illegible]
	apples		10
	[illegible] 1.50		
	[illegible]		2 [illegible]
		145.95	3.85
		3.85	
Aug 1	on hand	142.10	
2	Shoes		3.50
	Laundry		35
	Ticket		21.50
	Shave + Haircut		25
	Supper		15
3	[illegible]		5
	Dinner [illegible]		20
	Supper [illegible]		10
22	[illegible]		10
23	Ticket to Lawrence		21.14

Date.		Received.	Paid.
9 26	Paper		.05
	Dinner-Change		.15
	Apples		.05
	[illegible]		10
	Check to K.C.		12 00
	Supper Breakfast		.20
	Supper		15
	K.C. to Lawrence		1 20
	28 [illegible]		20
	29 meal ticket		4 00
Aug	29 on hand	150.83	
	30 apples		05
	matches		05
	31 grub		10
	Salt		05
	Laundry		30
Sept	2 [illegible]		10
	2 Breakfast Bugs		25
	3 grub		20
	Tokosogy		2 50
	4 R+M [illegible]	75 00	
	[illegible]	7 95	
	Schmoe Chattel		45
	dated Aug 20 due		
	90 days 47.50		
	10% after maturity		
	Room Rent Sep 12		14
	4 Bread		05
		233.78	62 [illegible]

Date.		Received.		Paid.	
	[illegible]				
	Left on hand	170	88		
5	Grub				20
6	"				10
7	"				05
	Coat & vest			12	50
	Pants			4	50
	Shirt-Blk				50
9	Grub				20
10	Note of J. C. Winston dated Sept 16 95 due June 1 96 35.00			32	00
	fruit				06
11	"				05
	S. A. Captain			1	00
12	Beef & Drink				10
	fruit				5
14	Grub				25
16	"				15
17	Shirt			1	00
"	Grub				05
18	"				12
19	"				10
19	Meal tickett			4	00
20	Gum				05
21	Laundry				45
26	2 Tokologys Ethn & [illegible]			5	50
	W. D. Friedman			40	00
	Grub				10
	170.88 103.08 67.80			103	08

Date. 1912	Received.	Paid.
Oct 1 on hand	67.80	
1 Gas Sept		1.25
5 grub		5
7 Christian oct int	4.80	
8 watch repair		2.50
	72.60	3.50
	3.50	
Oct. 13 on hand	68.80	
15 meat ticket		4.00
16 Rent to oct 12		7.00
16 on hand	57.80	
18 laundry		75
19 Rec M Sept 75.		
19 Sa		25
22 Y Mea to Sept 30 " 96		5.00
24 J H Brewer for Challis Due for 12		100.00
24 Grub		15
26 "		15
29 "		10
	123.80	
	106.40	
Oct 31 on hand	26.40	

Date.		Received.	Paid.
Oct 31	on hand	26 40	
Nov 1	Fruit		25
	Dr Cordley's History of L. two vol.		3 00
2	Shoe strings [?]		05
	Fruit		15
4	[illegible]		05
	[illegible]		50
	Apples		[illegible]
	26.40		
	4.85		
	21.55		
5	Fruit		05
8	Brush		04
	apples [?]		01
	Candy		05
8	Fruit		15
	Lemon Eggs [?]		25
9	Meal ticket		4 00
	Fruit 21.25		15
11	" 4.75		05
	16.50		
13	Apples		10
	Kans Temperance		1 00
			1 10
	16.50		
	1 10		
	15.40		

Date.		Received.	Paid.
	1540		
Nov 14	Grub		05
15	"		15
16	Bread 25 apples 10		
	clay 15		50
18	Agora		10
19	Grub		.05
20	"		10
21	"		10
22	"		5
23	10+10+10+5		35
	Laundry		50
25	Grub		10
26	"		15
27	[illegible] 150.		
	A B Simpson 1 yr 6% 150.		
30	meal ticket		4.00
30	bal on hand ,32 cts		
	J A Rot note [illegible] 25		
	[illegible] int 7.88		
1	Gas [illegible]		1.40
1	Room Rent to Dec 1		14.00
	M. H. McGarry Chattle		20.00

Dec 2 95 On hand

206.95

Date.	1895	Received.	Paid.
Sept 2	on hand	206 95	
" 5	Mrs [illegible]	10 00	
7	Mr Goodman	30 00	
7	[illegible]		05
9	Note of G.O.M. J. S. Adams Due Sept 9 '96		30 00
9	Mr P. Schnuck cr on note	36 10	
13	Dr [illegible]		2 00
17	[illegible]		1 00
		282.95	
		33.05	
18	on hand	249.90	
21	Gibbons Jan.	15.00	
	Lawler	4.06	
	Jones	16.50	
	Himes Mtg.		200 00
21	Laundry		60
	Shoes		5 00
22	S.S. X mas		1 00
23	Mending Shoes		1 00
	Meal ticket		4 00
24	Sent home		40 00
29	A.U.C.F.M.		1 00
31	'96 Diary		50
	[illegible]		10
	Gas 11		1 94
	R 4 M	75	
	R [illegible] R		2 [illegible]

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Date.		Received.	Paid.

SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT.

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NAME. B. W.
STREET, No. Ok. probably since
CITY. 12/9 or 12/16 94

NAME. J. M. P. M.
STREET, No. 7 Fewing St. Germany
CITY. Friedenau bei Berlin

NAME. Eth.
STREET, No. 241 oak St
CITY. Chicago Ill.

NAME. J. M. P. Metcalf
STREET, No. 7 Albe St
CITY. Friedenau

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Overton ows me
Nov 27 '40 — 240

Sold cordoroy coat to
Lewis Overton for 2.50
Cash .50 ✓
Nov 30 .50
Dec 7 .50
" 14 .50
" 21 .50
Sold pants & susp. 65
Dec 1 Pd. 25 ✓
" Overton owes 240

30 15
30 15

Dec 11 Pd 2.25
1.30
3.55

2 Bread 30
4 Fruit 35
6 " 10
7 10
11 5
14 25 " + 10 35
hair cut & shave 25
16 Grocer Bread 5
18 — 20
19 apples 5
20 " 5
21 20
23 Errand 10
24 Grub 15

26	[illegible]	25
29	—	20
Jan 1	Paid	10
4	[illegible]	20
6	apples	10
8	bread	15
10	—	05
11	—	20

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Memorandum

Frankfort, Mich

Aug 15, 1930

Dear General Metcalf:

I read of the death of Charles the other day in the Journal World and am writing to express and to extend my sympathy to you in this break (the first I believe) in your immediate family circle.

I shall miss him. Quiet, extremely quiet as he was, he filled a place in my life. He was never absent from public worship and he was regular as a clock in my Sunday School class. He stood for something. One knew that. Up here - the Riggs girls have been telling me about him and his activity in Christian Endeavor in the old days.

Back home again. It feels good to be home. I had a wonderful, wonderful trip. Germany impressed me more than any other land I visited. I am anxious to tell you all about it.

Sincerely, Alfred W. [illegible]

Set 1.

My memories of my brother Charlie

E. W. METCALF
140 SOUTH GORE AVENUE
WEBSTER GROVES 19, MO.

The first I remember Charlie was on my 5th. birthday. I had just received, as I have always thought, my first pair of trousers. I was walking from the house down the narrow walk toward the barn and as I passed Charlie who was working in the wood shed he said "Dont wet them."

I remember very plainly the day the family picture was taken. This was some time before 1889 probably around 1887. Someone, it seems to me it was Hart had to go to the Mill to get Charlie to come to the photograph gallery. I also remember several times in the north bed room of the old house sleeping with Charlie and feeling he was crowding me off the bed.

When I went to Lawrence I roomed the first year with him at Wilder's and I boarded with Wilders. I mowed the lawn and did a few odd jobs and thought I was earning my board but found Marion paid Wilders 2.50 a week for my board. Charlie always left the house very early in the morning and came in fairly late at night so I didn't really get acquainted with him until the next year when we moved to Mrs Eldridge's house about a block away still on Rhode Island Street. Charlie paid the room rent but really wasn't in the room more than 7 or 8 hours a day staying in the office nights. I studied in the office frequently and when I suggested we go home, Charlie would say "Go home when you can't go somewhere else" and before going home he asked me to go out and walk with him. During those long walks we nearly covered the town but there was very little said. That year, I dont remember what breakfasts, if any, either of us ate but we did get one big meal a day at Epp's restaurant costing by means of a 3.00 meal ticket just 16 2/3 ¢ a meal. If there was any bread left on the plate Charlie put it in his pocket and for supper he ate it with peanuts, apples and blackened bananas in the office. During the evening very frequently some hard up looking man would come in for a loan. [illegible]

a little money in his pocket. It wasn't always for many loans he they came in. I have seen several come in to hand Charlie a payment either in full or partial, probably principally to buy his credit good. I would make a guess, tho, that most of the pages in his account book showed the money going out much more often and larger than the money coming in.

I often have wished that his account book had been saved. It would be very interesting. There were several pages of investments in Oil stock which seldom had given a return. He told me of several which he still thought would amount to something. That was a time when Eastern Kansas was booming with gas and oil discoveries and such towns as Iola were bringing in smelters and other factories which came to enjoy cheap gas fuel. The prospects for gas and oil soon went outside Eastern Kansas when Charlie was part owner of quite a little acreage only to be lost when hard times came.

I am afraid Charlie always had a feeling he had worked a lot without being recompensed properly like his many years in the flour mill, and I know he felt during many of his last years at Lawrence that he was taken advantage of. I don't know for sure, but I think there were many months when the boarders didn't pay enough for his small salary and he went without when the Wilder had money to support his racing horse and a good living. Sometimes, but not often, I heard him speak quite bitterly.

I think maybe the family owed him more than most of us knew and I suppose probably I owe him more than the others as I lived in his room for 4 years and some of the time he paid for many of my meals.

When I came home one night, Sept 14, 1901 – and told him I had just "popped the question to Clara" the only remark I got from him was "Has she got good teeth?" She did have and still has, which is more than I can say about his teeth.

I think Charlie got to like Clara very much as when we lived in Topeka, some 6 months, he very frequently came up for Sunday to see us.

During my last year at KU, I boarded at what was called the Club where I used my savings from the Summer's work

Sheet 2

E. W. METCALF
140 SOUTH GORE AVENUE
WEBSTER GROVES 19, MO.

were insufficient to pay my expenses. I borrowed in all about $350 from Charlie secured by my first $1000 insurance policy, an endowment policy with Northwestern Mutual.

On graduation I went to work as a draftsman for The Illinois Steel Co. in Chicago. I continued to live on one meal a day with a glass of milk and breakfast food for breakfast and a couple of sweet rolls for supper, eating a hearty dinner at a laborers boarding house near the steel plant at 35¢ a meal. My main idea in life was to pay back Charlie that $350 and then save a little to get married on. I found an old account book of mine recently that showed my regular payments to him.

It took a little over three months at $50 a month but not many more months at $75 and travelling expenses when I went to Beaumont Texas in September.

I heard from Charlie regularly probably every week while I was in Texas and after I went to Montana. He never wrote much but always sent many clippings from the Lawrence Paper.

Charlie, as we all know, never went to College. I never knew why not, but I'm ready to bet he knew more of worth while knowledge than most of his brothers and sisters who had the advantage of a college education. He was very well read and kept thoroughly abreast of the times.

I don't believe he ever joined a church but he was a regular attendant at the Congregational Church in Lawrence and while I was there, at least, attended old Capt Harlees's Men's Sunday School class every Sunday. During the year I was persuaded to teach a class of 11 or 12 year old girls. Very frequently also we attended the Wednesday prayer meeting. I suppose I was brought up to believe that it was necessary to belong to a church to be a Christian but I learned different those years with Charlie. I'll stake his chances for a happy future life against that of anyone else's

I have been a member of some eight different churches Congregational & Presbyterian, all the way from Elyria to Texas and Seattle Washington and have been a regular attendant at several others but I'll take my hat off to Charlie's kind of Christianity any day.

Charlie used to come home for a visit nearly every year. Once, just after mother moved to East Avenue home, he [illegible] out because she had brought back from Battle Creek the notion that breakfasts were superfluous. He said "Feed the kids".

When he came home there was no use trying to meet the train. He always jumped off at the last crossing and walked to beat the train home.

I remember once but a [illegible] from the way I held my knife & fork, he [illegible] his hands together and asked why I didn't do that to the bread.

Charles

The thought of you brings back those far-off days
Of childhood, when we watched with wondering gaze
Your quiet skill perform each homely chore,
And from your kindly patience caught the lore
Of barn and garden. With what happy pride
We rode the old mill wagon by your side.
What privilege, when all the rest were through
To eat a tardy meal alone with you.
How boyish minds your fabled strength admired.
What zeal your tireless industry inspired.

These later years have drawn us far away,
And all too rarely came the happy day
That brought a chance to sit by you and talk
Or by your side through Lawrence' streets to walk.

Not on this earth did you lay up you treasure,
  But in our hearts, where time will not assault.
Your lonely years have rather found their pleasure,-
  Thoughtless of self and generous to a fault,-
In interest in the happiness of others
And in the life of sisters and of brothers.

And now that you can be with us no longer
  We know our loss, but realize how true
That all our lives are richer, happier, stronger
  For the rare privilege of knowing you.

J. M. M.

Dear Marion
I found this in Mayo's typewriter & knew you would be interested in it.
F. J. M.

Prof E A Mosley
Mansly Ohio

The Sleigh Ride.

I went Sleigh Riding one bright sunny afternoon, with a company of schoolmates. We went in a large sleigh, drawn by two horses. The sleighing was very good. It was not very cold, and I had my over-coat and scarf on, and was very com-fortable. We went over the ground pretty fast, out to the neighboring town of Ridgeville, where we had a fine time. There was quite a lot of snow on the ground. The bushes and streams were all frozen, and looked very nice. In the summer, the trees would be cov-ered with green leaves, and the stream flowing along very fast. We met a great many sleighloads going to town. I enjoyed myself very much, but was glad to get home again.

C. R. Metcalf.

G. R. Metcalf.

March 1, 1861.

Grammar [illegible]

East Hampton Dec 10 1851

Dear Sister,

Your letter of 8th inst is received and gladly read. am glad to hear from you, gladder to hear that your health is improving and that all of you are prospering so finely, the news was decidedly interesting, and had it been more particular would have been even more so. feel anxious to hear from my friend Cushing, was he injured badly in the [illegible]? Am quite as anxious to hear of the progress and success of Temperance. Massachusetts people are beginning to wake up, and I am trying to do my part towards waking up those connected with Williston Seminary. Saturday a temperance Society was formed among the Scholars, a large proportion of them will join it, and a correspondence has commenced from this, with all the institutions of the kind in the state proposing to have petitions from every seminary in the State, praying for a liquor law similar to that of Maine, and all sent to the legislature at the same time.

The loss of the Unitarian Church is quite a severe one but perhaps it is better to be that, than any other one, for that Society are able to build another, and were they not the city would suffer as little from its loss as from the loss of any other. I have yet heard nothing concerning the result of the [illegible] law suit, should be glad to, for as you may imagine I feel a personal interest in the matter, since my pleasant communication with Mr [illegible], hope my deposition did the right side of the case good. You seem to fear that I shall not enjoy myself this winter, which I think quite useless

for although the rules are so strict, and the place so precise
I seem to be one of those favored few to whom all parties
concede the privelidge of doing just as they please, while
at my boarding place I have every attention that I can
wish, the papers are sent to my room as soon as received and
a dish of apples kept sitting in my table, While the room I have
of Mr Lyman the man I respect and like best, of Mrs Lyman
I think I gave you a description in a former letter which answers my
time, I am also so fortunate as to obtain permission to study in
my room and only go to the recited room to recitations and
prayers, am said to be the first person who ever had the privelege
during his first term at the School,

Perhaps you would be interested in a list of our regular
Sunday Services, which are first Morning prayers in the Sem.
at nine O clock, 2° Morning service in Church, 3° Sabbath School
4th Afternoon church service, 5th bible exercise in the Seminary,
6th Students prayer meeting, 7th public prayer meeting, at all
of these except the two last and the Sabbath School each student is
required to be present and rather expected to be at the two, but I have
so arranged it as to get a permanent excuse from any or all the
Sabbath exercises, at my discretion, if you wish to know why I
am the favored one, please remember that my back was slightly injured about
a year since, but I must admit that I now feel the good about as much
as the evil effects of my misfortune, In the school are about fifty
young ladies, and some of them very fine to look at, but the
unkindest cut of all, is that each young man is forbidden
under pain of death or something else, to visit, walk, ride or
even talk with one or any at a time, and if man woman
or child is caught out of the room of he she or it during
study hours, woe betide 'em, do not wish you to understand

that any of these rules trouble me at all, for as I before said I am an exception to all of them, which seems a little singular for in [illegible] I am twenty or more men older and more [illegible] than I.

[illegible] do you object to Euclid? not because it is too easy? that is the only fault I find with it. but am much interested in it. Am in little danger of studying too hard. for I scarcely have to study at all to lead all my classmates, our next lesson in Euclid is prop. 10.11.12. book first, I am now in the second book having the first (which contains fifty six propositions) already in my head. Our french teacher is said to be a good [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] any better than to like her much; in the french class [illegible] about a dozen of whom I am the only boy, and green at that. The religious privileges of the place are only good and [illegible] them much, but think the [illegible] a great [illegible] [illegible]ation of hypocrisy, and guess it produces some, [illegible] waiting [illegible] that time [illegible] filled with [illegible] [illegible] motive, and begin to feel the need of it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Anna or Isaac since I left [illegible] [illegible]

Please ask Samuel to say to Wm Parsons that I am waiting for an answer to my last letter I wrote in such a way that I do not think he will write again, but since the temperance [illegible] has become so interesting I want him to. Were I in Samuels place I would not be too hasty in agreeing to pay W B & Son a commission but should have much less haste in paying it to them.

That my health is much improved you may infer from the fact that my hand is much steadier than it has been, I have some, but less, backache, am on the whole quite glad that I left the employment of W Brown & Son please give my regards to them and my love to Walter, want to hear how the little fellow

prospers please write of him in your next epistle which I hope you will find time to write soon to

your aff [illegible]

[illegible]

Miss Lucy M. [illegible]
Bangor
Maine

1.5 [illegible]

Frankfort Augt. 4. 1849.

Friend Eliab

Agreeably to promise I write you. and have to say that the address of the individual of whom we spoke when I saw you last, is Dr. George Hoyt. Athol Mass. - Mr Cushing has received unfavorable intelligence from his daughter whom he but recently left there, and will start on Monday to go after her, and will probably place her at some other institution of the kind: He expects to visit Gorham and perhaps Waterford, and if he is better satisfied with the institution at either of these places, than with the one at Athol. he will place her at one or the other of them. He will write to me relative to the merits of the several institutions, upon his arrival in Boston upon the reception of which I will communicate with you again: In the mean time, you can write and get the terms upon which male patients are received at the different institutions. I feel a deep and most sincere interest in behalf of your brother Joseph. and will render you any assistance which may be within my power to aid you in your endeavors to put him in possession of his health again: Please say to him from me. "be of good courage, never despair." Yours truly.

Joseph W. Treat. 2d.

Joseph Scott 2nd
Hampden Aug 4 1858
Waterman

n. d.

March 27th 1894 723-4th St. Des Moines Ia.
Dear Pater, & Mater, & People -
How are you all - How is the Y.P.S.C.E. getting along Penny? - I enclose you a copy of my latest Effort in the Y.P.S.C.E. here - I want next to have a manual of the Church printed. That comes harder - Penny notice the Committees. Do you have so many? What will you do about the Convention in Cleveland? ~~We have a~~ Convention Committee.
Mother you said once that Dr. did not like Men's Leagues. Says They do not get men into Church. We can't succeed to any extent in getting non Churchmembers into the League. It does interest the men of the Ch. & gets them to do. It attracts men to the services too. We have more men than women as a rule Sunday nights.
Do you still have a quartet Choir and who sings in it? I am thinking of having a Chorus Choir for evening especially.
What is the news of Jim Stocking now? Did Mrs. Smith from the wild west come?

We had very warm weather, two weeks ago - oppressively so, but since it has been cold & windy, growing slowly warmer now tho. As a rule weather here beats ours at home all out - If it wasn't for the smoke. Poor soft coal, cheap $1.00 and even less a ton makes the air & everything else black, worse than Chicago.

Saw in Ed. Peck's Oberlin News that Sen. Hamilton was dead. Seems too bad. Why not some of the worthless bad boys? He knows -

Will Geo. Ely go to Congress? -

When do you expect Nette?

How would it do for me to come home in time for Commencement, stay with you till July 11th & then go to Cleveland & return with the Y.P.S.C.E.'s - I begin to want to see home. The time seems to go so fast. I want to get something arranged pretty soon.

Easter was a big day lots of hard work for me - Ch. Choir had rehearsals 5 or 6 last week - Jun. End. er's twice & Y.P.S.C.E. twice All of which I had to boss - hard work managing women singers & keeping them good natured.

Aug 8th '90 Gilman Colo.

Dear Sister & Folks

I didn't have time to write to you Sunday. Last Friday we were running a crisis in our meetings, when along came a "Ventriloquist" Lecturer & writer "Comic Singer and &c" and Engaged our Hall for four nights.

We were paying nothing for the use of the Hall and we had it in condition that no one else wanted it. So we had to hustle for a Hall. We could not get the school house, the only other good room because 1 of the 3 directors said that was a "district school house" and so long as he had his say it wouldn't be used for no [illegible]

Then we tackled the saloon keeper, I mean, the owner (?), an old Hall called "Union Hall" formerly used as a saloon, with no chairs in it and dirty as an old smoking car. Durham (?) gave us the key, and said "Yes, use it as long as you want to." The lumber for the new Church is on the ground so we used that with some chairs which the saloon keeper lent us & made benches of it.

The obstinate School trustee condescended to give us the use of a doz. chairs from the School House, and so we had a Hall — While we were at work a young fellow came in, asked what we were about & then went out and got planks for us.

So, with the help of the saloon keeper we were able to run an opposition to the Phrenologist — But when evening came it rained like everything and we had only 12 present, but we had the best prayermeeting we had had. The Phrenologist had about 50 or 60 but he charged no admission — The next night, he charged an admission fee of 25¢ & had about the same number, while we had as many as 40 — & a very good meeting. Sunday, Mr Smith & Mr Kettle stayed here in the morning and I went over to Red Cliff to help Mr. Laughin with a Children's service — We had about 15 people 12 of them nice bright smart looking children We gave them a talk on Habits & then we had S.S. There were about 80 people, 20 children, at S.S. I sang "Where is my wandering boy tonight" at the suggestion of Mr. Hoover, Supt. of the S.S. He is a fine young man about the only one in Mr. Laughin's Church whom he could call upon to lead in prayer, he says —

A very nice young lady named Keast (Keast) played the organ, the regular organist, a Miss. Campbell, was late, and is always ½ hour late — Miss. Keast teaches the infant class —

Mr Laughin & I went to the Quartzite Hotel to dinner & had chicken — & a slice of Watermellon for desert!! Watermellons are worth 15¢ a pound. This was the first I had eaten — Peaches 5¢ apiece But red raspberries grow wild in great abundance & we make up for lack of other things by eating them

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Soon after dinner Mr. Vaughn & I started for Bell's Camp. Halfway between Gilman & Red Cliff There is a small chapel there, holds about 35 — We had a meeting there last Wed. Eve, when we could not have P.O.S.of A. Hall. The meeting was advertised for 3 o'clock at half past three there were 15 there & we began & G.L. preached on Christ & the Plan of Salvation —

The people were mostly Mr Hart & his family, boys & girls from 16 to 22 & some of their friends who all live on a point near Bell's Camp called Poverty Flats because the people who live there are all quite well off — Mr Hart owns mines there & lives there most of the year. His home is Council Bluffs Iowa & his children only spend summer vacations here. After service he invited us to spend Tuesday Afternoon at his house — His people seem to be a jolly crowd.

Sunday the Phrenologist said he examined 80 heads at $2.00 apiece — but we think he lied. G.L. & I had the honor of breakfasting with him & his wife — He said he lived for sometime in the town where Thayer, an Oberlin man, preaches, & likes him much — He also said he came within a hair's breadth of being a minister himself. If he should go into the ministry it would be to make money, we said. He said there was more money made in the ministry than anywhere else, in the U.S. He would be of the Sensational kind that was his fort — He certainly is a sensationalist he wears a long hat & hair long, way down on his shoulders

Sunday Eve. Smith went to Red Cliff with Laughn & I came back to Gilman to sing for Mr Kettle.
Our meeting was a great success. In the aftermeeting two strangers who were stopping over Sunday in town both spoke & made good testimonies & gave us words of encouragement & cheer. They were Judge Phillips of Des Moines Iowa & a school teacher from Colo. Springs named Rowst or something like it.
The Christians took hold well & it was a very effective meeting. Although the Phrenologist was still holding forth, this time to Men Only. We had over 50 all the benches would hold—
Monday we took a long hard climb & tramp. We climbed right up in a crevasse of a precipice on the side of Gerard Mt. hundreds of ft. high. And rolled down big rocks & watched them tear their way along smashing everything in their way.
The first 1000 ft we went up right beside a foaming cascade called Fall Creek. The scenery was beautiful. There is nothing like it in this world.
When we were nearly to the top we came across a new mine called the Princess where they have only gone 70 ft. into the side of Mt. Gerard & are already taking out pay ore. We took candles & went in & inspected it & got some specimens & then went on up to the top of the Mt. The view was wonderful. We could see several snow capped Mts. We were probably 1300 ft high ourselves.
We wanted to go on about 5 miles further & have a snowball fight on Mt Notch Mt, but it was already 12 o'clock, so we just went over to

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Fall Creek where there was water & pine trees & there we ate our dinner under those pines on the bank of that foaming rushing mad creek in one of the most beautiful spots there is—

After dinner we laid down to rest a while— I went across the creek on a fallen log & found a blazed trail. The first I had ever seen—

We thought that would probably be the easiest way down so we followed it, & got home much quicker than we had expected, about 4 o'clock.

On the way down we found another mine— only a month old— There were 4 men working there laying up a pile of logs to make charcoal.

It was so far from the track & so high that it was cheaper they said to make their own coal especially as the ground is covered there with fallen pine logs, some half burnt—

I never was so tired since I can "remember" as I was when we got home— My head ached terribly & I ate for supper a cup of hot water & a piece of cheese. Then Y.L. got the tub & some water & I took a bath and came out new and am not even stiff this morning.

The only way you can get a bath at this "Mason House" is to go to the kitchen & get a wash tub & take it to your room & carry your own water— Many of the men never take the trouble.

After a few days of just washing in the wash basin, hands & face alone, with the rest of the miners, I could stand it no longer & invented

in two small tin pails, a tin cup, and, a small pan costing altogether the small sum of 90¢!! & now we have washing tools in our own room —

Last night we had another very good meeting. Mr. Gibson, a miner who is also the Methodist Preacher, came in & helped us. He is an earnest, sincere, good natured, cranky Methodist man & made a good speach on "Seek ye the Lord while he is near, Call ye upon him" &c Messers Vaughn Smith & Kettle also spoke. The meeting was good but we don't seem to be getting hold of the unconverted. These people are hard to start. Terribly indifferent after "Geo!". Listen respectfully but do nothing —

This morning Mr. Kettle & I helped raise the framework of the new Church. It seems good to see it begin to come up.

We shall probably go to Red Cliff some time this week & stay a week at least, there. It is safest to send mail always to care of C. M. Sanders 1356 So. 13th St Denver. It will always get to me then & it might not, if sent some where else.

I have spent too much time now writing I ought to be ~~Studying~~ so Goodday

Karl.

How are you all? Have you been to the Lake? For some reasons I would rather be there than here. All water is ice-water here — bad for bathing.

Clinton Ills. June 15th 1891

Dear Rosa All,

When I came in from Weldon (Saturday Afternoon) 9 miles East and went to the P.O. and asked [illegible] there, the little postmistress handed me among others the great fat juicy family letter. I always feel like throwing up my hat when [I] see it. It does me more good than a square meal and a bath. May she never grow thinner. I don't believe you can any of you enjoy it so much as I do. Last summer up in the Rockies and here in Illinois. Pater has a right to enjoy it surely. Washington Gladden must be queer [illegible] was good. It don't seem possible that Elyria can have electric lights. As I remember Elyria it is about as pretty a place as there is in Ohio. The lights must make it beautiful in the evening.

I rec'd a fine little [illegible] letter this morning [and] felt justified for going to the P.O. on Sunday when I found it. Its always a treat [illegible]

Chas! Your name is not [illegible] [illegible] — This last circulator has no word

[illegible] hear — and Penny seems to have lost his voice — I suppose his Commencement Oration takes his time — Oh, Penny. Get there. The game [illegible] are all [illegible] " [illegible]

To the [illegible] I would say there are no [illegible] but the [illegible] seem to be [illegible], [illegible] dance, too. [illegible] have seen [illegible] a dozen in a [illegible] together, [illegible] in a [illegible] at the roadside [illegible] a [illegible] without [illegible]. The Quails keep up a continual "Bob-White" & often [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] I don't know but I can't [illegible] to look at them.

I usually breakfast at 6, sometimes when [illegible] over night with a [illegible] at about 5. I stayed overnight with a [illegible] married [illegible] only [illegible] miles from [illegible]. [illegible] was a [illegible], [illegible] woman & [illegible] had [illegible] boys [illegible] looking, oldest about 16 youngest about 3½. They [illegible] had [illegible] with [illegible] made me homesick to see my own [illegible] brothers. [illegible] had a big (short cake (long)) strawberry with so many [illegible] in it [illegible] & rich. Oh and apple butter & peach butter & preserves [illegible] &c. [illegible] farmers [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] fellow [illegible] a ha-ha-ha laugh on him that nearly killed me. [illegible] with [illegible] others. He was so lonesome alone they had to let him go.

I wish I could go to the Y.M.C.A. Strawberry & [illegible] festivale in Elyria & see the people, see how many I now [illegible] I knew. Mr Birdsall is a [illegible].

We met [illegible] Sunday [illegible] I have not [illegible] [illegible] lost, but I had so much writing to do I couldn't do it. Going to try to go next week.

Children's services in Presb. Ch. today. [illegible] & [illegible]. They had the "Little Builders" on the platform [illegible] [illegible] & girls missionary [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible]" about 30 of them. Toward the close the [illegible] got up to make a speech. He turned & [illegible] the little kids & said "It's a little late but I want to say one thing. I want to tell you how I saw the [illegible] [illegible] children." Just then a big [illegible] began to [illegible] just over the heads of the children. They [illegible] & [illegible] at the [illegible] & paid no attention to him. He gave up in despair & said "We will sing the closing hymn." I wished I was in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would give a good deal to [illegible] Gertrude [illegible] [illegible]. I think she is one of the [illegible] & she is red-haired — in fact I begin [illegible] very much prejudiced in favor of red haired [illegible]. Girls more especially —

[illegible] writes a fine letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nothing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] make [illegible] this summer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as a [illegible], [illegible] Keep your purse open [illegible] him in the first place by playing away though. [illegible] back. [illegible] back [illegible] shall never lack. Give him a [illegible] for me.

that right straight through to the bitter end [illegible] our Society, of course where I go where [illegible] Alice, Willard [illegible], [illegible] that [illegible] was the best Society. I think one is about the same as the other. But I never attended either [illegible] my [illegible] I get it [illegible]. It is a very fine [illegible] and [illegible] will [illegible] then Go in [illegible]

In what respect have the N.Y. Presb. [illegible] can't [illegible] John? What should they have done? I would like to see Mr Richardson [illegible] That young man called [illegible] John [illegible] seem to be a good many more [illegible] than the rest of us. He hardly [illegible]

Well, My business is picking up a little. I made $1900 last week. Expenses probably $900 to $1000 hope to do better this week. We have made a good start here. Some of the [illegible] have [illegible] from them we get good recommends always. Then the F.M.B.A. men at Walden wrote to their State Secy A. E. Robinson at Chicago in regard to the N.T.A. & he gave it a good send off so we [illegible] them almost to a man.

It is after 10 & I must to bed. There is a hard week['s] work ahead of me. You may think it's fun but it is not entirely, so I assure you. God bless you all and keep you.

Sincerely
Hare.

June 1897

205 Ridgewood Ave
Minn. Minn.

My dear Pater

You will perhaps be surprised to hear from me here — It was such a forlorn hope that brought me here that I would not speak of it for fear it should come to nothing. But it came out so far beyond my

tonight and will
write again soon —
Time is very precious
just now & you will
forgive my not writing
more I'm sure.
Please tell only the
family —
I am sure I love you
all every-one more &
not less — So God bless
you all Good bye —
Karl
Perhaps you think I'm not happy?

Expectations that I have not had time to write before –

Rena Goldsbury has promised to be my wife – You may remember her – She has been at the house several times. You & the rest know much about her and shall hear & see much more I trust –

I am going to D.M.

P. H. M. -

(Edward Reme -)

Chicago Med. Fem. 81 Ashland Boul. Room 773.
Jan. 13th 1891

Dear Mr Root and Annie & Francis
& every one else — I am so
sorry not to have seen Mr. Root.
I was out to Oak Park, spent
the Sunday with the Lanes —
Pauline & Frank Lane's Father &
Mother. I got home Monday
A.M. at 8-15, found Mr. Root's
Card & went at once to the
Palmer House but could not
find you then. I had a
Vocal lesson at 9 after that
I came home & found Le Grand
Smith & heard about your
being here nearly all day
Sunday — It made me so

I went to dinner at about 11-30
then went down to Palmer House &
hunted for your names again
this time I discovered that
there are two Hotel register books
there & I had not looked at the
right one before, I found your names but the clerk
said you had paid your bill &
gone — I was glad to here that
you had paid your bill but
I didn't know where to look
for you then. I went around
to the L.S.&M.S. Depot 4 times
the last time just as the 3-10
train was pulling out but
I could not find you.

If G.L. had got a key
from the Janitor & got into my
room, you could have found
in my address book Edith's
address & every one's else

of the younger Generation of Oberlin people here -

I had a splendid time out to Oak Park but it makes me hot to think of your wanting here Sunday night. It is too bad.

I called Saturday Evening on Mr. & Mrs. "Keep" Patton and Sunday afternoon on Mrs. Marguret Rankin Dunlop who was the intimate friend of Mrs. M. M. Metcalf and of Miss. McClure & met her 3 sisters her husband & here two children a boy & Girl. Sam & Hannah. Sam is only about 4 yrs old but he weighs about 60 lbs. & he is a chunk I tell you, smart & a

It is called "Saints' Rest."
Oak Park is full of nice people.
They claim 18 students in Oberlin
more than go from there to any
other school. There are about 80
altogether away in different
colleges — The Lane's are
of the nicest too. There is
among the Cong.al people a
society recently organized
called the "Christian Steward's
League." They are all pledged
to give at least 1/10th of their
income to charitable purposes.
It is "A Society for the promotion
of Proportionate Giving."
Mrs Lane said to me "We do not
care to have this advertised
but we think it is going to
grow."
The Lane's have 6 children
two in O. one older boy is in

De Pauw and at home are Albert about 15, Florence 12 & George 5 & I had a great time with them I tell you, also with Sam Dunlop.
Dr Hoyt would make a good Pres. for Oberlin but the people who almost worship him, would not let him go.
I am going to try to get the tenor position in that Church if I don't get Union Park Choir.
I am going out every night this week to Warren Ave. Cong Church to sing at their continued week of prayer meetings.
I like Mr. Adams the pastor there much. He is a nice

Church too, lots of good Young people. Y.P.S.C.E. ~~too~~ 130 members. I met out there two cousins of the Harrison Girls named Vanderslice. The Girl looks like Hat Harrison & the boy some like Chas. They were very cordial to me.

The next time you come to this village let me know before hand and I won't go off and stay over Sunday.

Sincerely Yours

Hal

Remember me to Aunt Hal & Jack & Carrie & any of my friends if such should enquire of me. Hal

I feel that I must say something to you my dear Nettie. I do want so much to see you happy. I want you to become so much, and I have been thinking that perhaps a little experience of my own might help you. When I was about Harry's age a number of my school friends became Christians. I felt that I wanted to be a Christian too, but I could not feel that I was. I thought there must be a great change, and so I was unhappy and troubled for about six months waiting for the change that would not come. At last some one told me that I could never become a Christian that way, I must come just as I was. With some people there is never much change, I must do as Christ bids us. "Come unto me and I will give you rest". I did just that and all the trouble fled. I was happy. Nettie you can not

begin to think what a comfort it is to just give up your will and be Christs to do his will. The trouble with me was that I wanted to come to Christ my way. I wanted a great change. The time to grow in grace is after we take Jesus as our leader. Nettie we do want you to be a Christian, Wont you make up your mind now. Dont grieve the Holy Spirit away. Now is the day of Salvation. We are all praying for you to come into the light. We want you to have a share in our happiness, the only true happiness there is. Yours with love,

Mother.

My dearly beloved Nellie,—

I had thought of having a little talk with you some night, but you are busy or so many are around that it is not convenient. I have something to tell you which will not be pleasant for you to hear, but as you are at home I feel that I want to tell you first of any. It is more comfortable to hear things right first hand. I had hoped that owing to my health which will probably never be much improved, that God would not send us any more little ones, to be a care and a burden to the others for so much care will naturally fall on their shoulders, but He in his wisdom which we do not understand has ordered things differently, and if I live and keep comfortable till the last of this there will, God willing, be an-

other little stranger to love and care for.
If I had my health I could welcome the
small one more but I do so feel sorry to have
added burdens put upon you. If all goes
well we hope to send you to Berlin next
Sept. You know I have used my hear-
ing and it has to a great extent failed
me but if I am careful of my general
health it may continue to do its work
for many years. I do want to live and
take care of your father for he will need
all our care as the years go by.
Now my very dear do not let this make
you unhappy at all. I tell you now so
that you will not hear it first from out-
siders. I wish exceedingly that the newcom-
er may be a little girl to take your place
when you are away. This is long enough.

Yours with much love,

Mother.

Elyria, Apr. 29, 1883.

Dear Marion,-

It is a lovely day though somewhat cool. Many thanks for your very good letter. It was very acceptable. We have Annie and John with us to-day which is very pleasant. Seven of family attended church. I had to teach Ed. Manter's class. It is a class of boys average age of same about ten or twelve years, and such a class. Hal says they talked so saucy to Mr. M- that he has given up the class. It is a very mischievous class. Do you remember Willie Marshall the little colored boy that the children call bauty. He was one. Harry Wright, Jacob Snieder, Carl [illegible], and four or five more. It requires a brisk talker to get in many words the boys talk so much. I like them. They are real bright. Mr. Bunker's class is the one that S. A. H. Williams had. Mr. W- is in Boston. Mrs Parker has not taught a class since last fall. Neither Mr. P. or Mrs. P- stay to S. S. Mr. Heman Ely taught Mr. Day's class to day as Mr. Day stays with his father most of

time. His father is very feeble. Minnie Garford expects to be sick before many months. Ethel says Mrs. Haines is to take the class till July, but I think she will keep it longer. Of course you will have a class when you come. Mr. McLean does have a hard time getting teachers. I think it is really more than impolite to refuse to teach a class when he asks.
I did go to the Missionary meeting connected with the Conference. Anna Rich, Sarah, Mrs Charley Johnson, Mrs. Rollin Cary, and myself from Elyria, Mrs. Hatch of Oberlin and Mrs. Lukins of E. Cleveland went over in the street-cars together. We all depended upon Mrs. Lukins who knew where the 1st Church is located, but she was so busy talking to Mrs. Hatch that she did not notice the church and we went to the end of the Detroit-Street railroad which is about two miles beyond the church. You can imagine what a good laugh we had. As we went on the early train, we reached the church in time. The meeting was good, some of the reports very good. Mrs. Prof. Jewett had a very spicy paper, and Miss Stone of Samakov Turkey, was not only a very sweet-looking lady, but a pleasant speaker also. Have you heard her. We only staid till 3.30

The 'Young Ladies' Missionary Band is rather a peculiar institution. Mrs. McLean was wanted as president and she said she would accept on condition that all the married ladies would join the other society. It is thought by many if that change could be made many of the young girls like those in Aunt Anna's class and Mrs. Washburne's class could be prevailed upon to join the Y. L.'s Society and that class of girls ought to be at work. The change has not been made, but many of the members are coming into our society. The Young Ladies unite with the "Home Missionary Society" this week. The Young Peoples' Aso. had an entertainment a week or so ago for the benefit of the Flower Mission. It was a rainy night and but few people went. I think they made about $11.00. As usual I have had so much help from small people that I really have little idea of what I have said. I would like some little things from Boston but will tell you, some week day. With much love and best wishes, Yours.

The Mother.

Marten H.H. Elgin Apr. '83

Elyria, Sept: 23. 1889

Dear Darling,—

This is a beautiful day though a cool wind. I walked down to church for the first time in months. Ethel staid with Reyes Hewitt or Percy Hewitt, which is the better? Nettie came home yesterday completely used up, so much so that many tears fell and dire threats of never going to Oberlin again.

Wednesday. I intended to find time to write yesterday P. M.

but as I knew A.S. had written
I did not think it absolutely
essential & I slept instead.
Ethel, Nettie, Keyes & I went
over to Oberlin Monday P.M.
Nettie was too sick to go in
the morning. We went with
old Kit, as Nettie felt she could
do no walking. She decided to
stay at Anna's Monday night.
We found Anna apparently
well. Ethel and I only staid
an hour or so reaching home
about six o'clock.
Yesterday morning just at 7^{10}
43 West Ave. time, a telegram came
from Oberlin saying, Come on
early train. The message boy

said the train was a little late & we might possibly catch it. The horse was harnessed while I put on a dress, and away we trotted. The train was at the depot and I boarded the first car which was a smoker and found a seat after passing through a couple of cars.

Reached O. shortly, and found a small boy awaiting me. He came about the time we received the telegram. Mrs. Chamberlain was dressing him for which I was extremely thankful.

Mrs. Lewis a lady who keeps roomers and where Mr. Root ~~roomed~~ for years, was helping the Dr. Jump. She left as soon as she saw me. The Dr. very soon

and Mrs. Chamberlain to get her children ready for school. Mrs Hofner is at Tutor Martin's. Their baby which was expected the first of the month never came till last Friday and Mrs. Martin has a fever & so Mrs. Hoffner could not come to Anna. Anna engaged her for the 6th of Oct. They could find no other nurse. Mrs. Savage just came to our house yesterday. She was sent for to wash & dress Keyes when I went away. So I had Hurl telegraph to your father to drive over with Mrs Savage if she would come. They reached Oberlin about eleven o'clock. I hope

She will be able to stay till Mrs.
Hofner can come. Father and I
came home as soon as I had
shown her round the house.
So we were back home at one o'clock.
Is this not quite a story.
Ethel has gone down to the
post-office now, as we hope
to hear on the 1^30 train.
The joke is that Nellie should
be there after all. She had to go
to Mrs Johnson's for breakfast
but was up to see the baby
in the forenoon.
She said Sunday that if she
could only go to Nan's she
thought she could get her
lessons but she knew she
could not if she staid at
Mrs. Johnson's. Anna helped

her in Greek Monday night and told her she would read yesterday's lesson with her yesterday morning but of course I would not let her.

Anna was sick from 2^30 A.M. to 7 A.M. She was pretty sick but very bright and happy after it was over. Very tired though and I am anxious to hear. She needed sleep but could not get it before we left. The small Root is as yet not remarkable for beauty and considerable black hair grows on the top of his head. Augustus, Lucy, Marguerite & Edith started west yesterday. Will & Mayne go soon and E. W. & wife to Worcester soon. We are to have old Tom after

they go. Then I can go to O—
and take Anna to ride when
she is able.
Nettie has her hair cut as she
thought she would have more
time to study if she did not
have to fix hair so much.
I hope Ethel will come back
before the post-man as I
want to tell you if news comes
from Oberlin.
Do you see Nettie Cary often.
She is very home sick I hear.
I am sorry for her. I think
Nettie Mit. spent a good share
of her time in tears last week.
Postal just here will copy.
"Anna & ~~baby~~ doing nicely. Exact
weight of ba 7 1/4 lbs. & just milk
fever this afternoon A. S. R."

Such a scribble as I have,
but I will send it along.
Harry is about to go to Greek.
Hastily very,
Mither.

My dear Children A. & A.

We were very sorry when we received word to day that you could not be with us tomorrow. I understood you to say that this was the week you could come and Nettie was sure too.

We had a quarter of beef the first of the week, the most of it we salted, but one big roast we saved to eat cold to morrow. We cooked it so as to have it cold. with hot potatoes & gravy, pickled pears pumpkin & mince pies. It is so good, and I am dreadfully disappointed not to have you to eat thereof. I know you would come if you could. Come next Sunday even if we can not feed you as well. I do want to see you. Ethel will do nicely and feel more comfortable to have you not treat her as a boarder, but as one of you, that is ~~as though~~

She was at home. She has said nothing, but I know she wants you to feel that you are not confined at home on her account. She has said that. She thinks her room is lovely and everything, but she does not want to tie you at home.
We scolded her because she thought that Anna could come without Azariah. Wait till she is married and has a home of her own. She will see things very differently then. We want you both when either of you come. You were right Anna stand by your husband every time. I am with you.
Come as soon as ever you can. How would you like to have Nettie come over and stay with Ethel when you come home. I just thought of it.
You had better vote for Harrison Tuesday, but I suppose that would be against your principles. I believe in standing up for your principles. I wish we thought alike.
But every thing will come out right in the end. Come, Come, Come. Yours with love,
Mother

n.d.

My dear Anna,-

Will you try to find out what those Oberlin children need that costs little, and which will be proper for a New Year's present. How are you and how do you do. My letter must close, Has the box received? Yours with love,

Mother.

The four small boys have made out their lists.

Miss Grace M. Reed,

Dear Annie -

I am very glad you told us how you feel and hope you will always do so, for it will make us all happier -

I think I know that you want to be a Christian, and that you feel that you cannot do anything of yourself - Have you been trying in your own strength or have you truly "cast all your care on Jesus", and left all for Him to do? If you go to Jesus, and ask Him to make you a christian ~~and~~ you know He will - because He says "Ask and ye shall receive" -

And then try to please Jesus in every little thing you do - do all for Him - & I think you will have evidence that you love Him - Work, play, study, conquer your temper, for His sake - Do this now, and then do it every day of your life -

Our only safety is in going to God always - keeping with Him - then we shall go right - & be happy —

Mother —

[illegible]

My dear Anna,

just think of my [illegible] a napkin and ring, a shell, and a pair of [illegible] for you, he wanted something with which he could [illegible]

your [illegible] [illegible] mother.
yours with the [illegible]
Mother.

[illegible]

The above undated production
was doubtless indited at

Elyria, Ohio, Tues. Sept 12th
1882.

Dear Darter
I have written to you once
today a tiresomely long
and prosy epistle.
And there appears no need
of adding thereto.
I might specify that a
pic nic at the Lake
is expected tomorrow or
next day. Mrs O. Root's pic
nic to which Mr & Mrs J.D.

Metcalf were invited — and Mrs M. will probably attend, Mr M. being unavoidably detained thereupon.

I have also — (another item) — reason to suppose ~~that~~ Mrs H. E. Brooks of Cleveland is now at our house, having lately, this afternoon, arrived there.

I expected they might come yesterday. H. E. B. to make figures and bid upon our new School house.

Bids to be opened tomorrow. He has not much time to make his figures.

Our house seems remarkably Empty. I guess there is room Enough for visitors.

Respectfully
& Ancestrally.

Wed. 13th, This letter was not mailed yesterday thinking it might hurt your phelinks to get two so important letters in one day.
Mrs M: with her three sisters & two of their husbands, besides Ralph & several[4] of his cousins have gone to the Pic Nic Lake today.
Geo. S. Wright the Tinner, his son, 14 yrs old run over by the cars today, both legs cut off.
Mr & Mrs Brooks went home last night. J.W.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] think the cause [illegible] so hard [illegible] troubled about the [illegible] of your [illegible] you should [illegible] that you ought [illegible] home [illegible] [illegible] he falls. "I tumble down that!" "I can't stand up, no!" It sounds very funny we think. [illegible]

by Robt." Father [illegible] very [illegible]
He is very patient [illegible] things.
Your [illegible] and he said [illegible]
I was very much disappointed about [illegible]
and greatly troubled, [illegible]
[illegible] together very [illegible]
[illegible] in complexion [illegible]
[illegible], I wish you would have some of
beef steak it would do you good. You
must not work so hard and don't trouble
about things, don't do any copying or
any other work more than absolutely
necessary. be sure and take some
out door exercise not long walks.
I have just scribbled this off in such
haste but I think it can be deciph
ered with patience and perseverance,
If you can, Come home Saturday.

With very much love
Mother

Do you really have good nourishing food?
Do you have milk? Drink all the milk
you can. It is good for you [illegible]

You are the one who ought to have gone to a better boarding place rather than John. Thanks for your long letter. Write often if not so much. I am afraid you do not eat fish enough

Father

Feb. 8, 1863

My dear [illegible],–

A telegram reached us today, stating your reasons for not coming home. We heard last night that the train had not left Fremont at nine o'clock. We were much disappointed and hoped against hope that you would come even if the train was late. You must try again next Sat. and come during the day, without [illegible] an evening train.

You poor [illegible] have had a [illegible] time this last week. You have been in my thoughts very much and I feel so sorry for you in your loneliness. I can not express my thoughts in words. It is a consolation to feel that the dear one gone home has escaped so much sorrow and trouble in this world, but it is very hard for the poor father and mother. Was she their only one?

There is much sickness hereabouts and some have gone to their long home. Cassius Mountain is to be buried tomorrow. Mrs. John W. Whitlock died yesterday, and old Capt. Sutton who lives on the fair grounds is

not expecting to see, three of our neighbors, Mrs. King, Mrs. Weirs and Mr. Reed have been sick in bed during the week. We are all improved and happy. There were but four of us to sit up in the corner this morning, but we hope for more another Sunday. I [illegible] to take Ralph to church for fear he will be restless. He wants to go much. Baby is growing and follows the boys as much as ever. He is crazy to get out doors.

How is your general health? You ought to have more of that medicine. I would have been out to see you last week was there been any certainty of getting back the same day. Take good care of yourself and don't work too hard. We can read your essay tomorrow. I wish I could write you a nice letter but letter writing is no more my forte than is talking, but I can feel [illegible] we [illegible] them much. With love to Mrs. Hewes and Maggie and a double portion for yourself I must say good night.

Mother.

Be sure and come Sat. We can sleep three of you and shall be very glad to see Mrs. Hewes and Maggie too. Bring them along. It will do them good to get a taste of our noisy household. If the noise gets unendurable we can shut them in the parlor. I mean the girls.

June 13, 1883.

Dear Anna,-

I have just sent you a note by Sarah Koob, now I will write and explain what I wrote in the note. Of course it is impossible to get a competent girl for two months and if Miss Bell is teachable I should greatly prefer to teaching her ~~than~~ instead of a raw dutch girl who would not appreciate the trouble taken. I hope Miss Bell is a good ironer, and I do want her. I wonder how soon she could come if she will. Will she want to be there till July 4th? I suppose Pena wants to go as soon as possible. Mrs. Savage very much wants you to come home Sat. afternoon. Your dress is all done but trying it on and stitching some of the bands tight.

I have been intending to write you for a long time and tell you something. Perhaps Marion has told you. I wrote to her a long time ago and the dear good girl wrote me a beautiful letter. Marion is indeed one

of the "Salt of the Earth". I have felt that to tell either of you would be to spoil your pleasure for the summer, but I want you to know; I want you girls to have a nice time and I did so much want to feel well and strong, instead of sick and cross. I have almost been rebellious and wicked in thought. I think there is no danger of any thing serious happening till after your return to college.

Now my dear girl don't let this trouble you I shall do my very best so that you can have a pleasant summer, and though I know it will be very hard to be pleasant and even-tempered as I should, I will try with God's help to be decently pleasant. Come Sat, can you?

Yours with much love,

Mother.

Elyria. Ohio Nov. 20th
1883.

Dear Anna

I tore open your letter without noticing that it was directed to the Mother. However I took pains to pacify her for the impoliteness by telling her that an old homely old Maid School Marm become a cross Step Mother could not always get so nice letters as that.

What remarks some people always make.

Can not you come home some day this week and stay till the 4,42 train goes? I will go down street with you or meet you at the depot

if you desire, and go with you while you get a hat. I think you deserve a good one and I am afraid if you go alone you will deny yourself more than is necessary. I don't think I told you that I had a nice letter from Frank Johnson Sat. night. Ralph is not well enough to come home yet. They hope he can come about Christmas. Mrs. Johnson is getting tired of prairie life.

The H. S. children Hail, Ethel, & Harry have not covered themselves with as much glory in examinations as usual. Hall stood very low in Latin, 55-% I believe. None of the others failed in any thing but they did not do as well as usual. Nettie has

good marks. I must write a private letter to May I will tell you when you come. I wish your hickory nuts were here & we would crack them for you.

I think John will divide the apples. I want to come and see you, but could stay but a little while, on account of baby.

With much love, —
Mother.

November 11th 1883.

My Anna Dear,-

How the winds do blow. It makes me shiver. I am so glad none of our family are out on the waters.

It has been a lovely day. I went to church for the first time since July. It seemed good to be there and I wanted to stay to S. S, but found I was tired when I reached home.

We missed you and John to day. How I wish you could be at home more, but perhaps you can come next Saturday. Please tell Miss Howe that I am very sorry I was not at home when she

called. If she was over to teachers' ex. (as Anna Rich seems to think) please say to her I feel like scolding because she did not come to dinner. We are all in usual health. Ralph went to S. S. and remembered his lesson well. Tonight Nettie was requested to do something and did not start promptly. Ralph said to her "Nettie! Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." We are all as full of noise and confusion as ever, but we do have some good times.

I have written a long letter to Marion so you must take a short one. Are you feeling real well? Don't do too much. Have you put on thick flannels? Do you take care of your fire? Don't sit in a cold room,

Just spend time to take
good care of yourself.
Remember good health is
needed in order to use the
knowledge you obtain.
There I have given some advice
I think I will bid you a
very good night.

With very much love,

Mother,

Marion's friends, Mr & Mrs
Peloubet of Natick Mass. were
here Friday, — did not come
to our house — we went to Dr Du-
bitts to meet them at dinner
but they were delayed missing
R.R. connections, and did not
get here to dinner. They were
at Uncle Elia's to tea and
we went over and spent the
evening there. I recognized in
Mrs Peloubet a little Lome Thaxter
girl I remembered in Bangor some 40
years ago

Father

Elyria, Dec. 15, 1883.

My dear Anna, —

Your letter received last evening. I am sorry you are troubled and want to help you very much.

I don't think about rides as I do about presents, not exactly, though I object to much riding especially when a lady is ready to go with any man, not always gentleman that asks her.

Your case is different. You know Mr R. to be a gentleman and you have accepted is company to other places. Now he asks the privilege of coming to your own home and take you to ride. I think you can not refuse his request without

being impolite. He is John's friend as well as yours.
It will be all right to go with him. I wrote you a long letter last night, but thinking it over to day decided not to send it as you are very busy just now and some things I said might turn your thoughts from your work, I want to have a good talk with you soon. Dont forget to bring Miss Bell when you come. I am glad to have Ethel with you and how much I do wish she were a Christian. It seems as though I could not have it other-wise. There is the making of a grand woman in her if she will only come out for Christ. Let us pray for it continually. May God bless, keep and direct you aright.

With a heart-full of love
for you.

Mother

Children improving in temper.

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Annie my dear. I am very glad you are willing to tell me all your troubles and trials, and I wish I could help you more. But you must not let yourself worry. It will not do.

I know that now, as your life has been among books that you have but little practical knowledge as compared with many of your age, but with your book knowledge, you will find that the knowledge of other things will be easier for you to ~~learn~~ gain when you really get started. When you are through college things will look different to you & a few months will give you a good start in house hold matters &c

Now don't say when you read this, I can't do it. She don't know me &c. I do know. I know that six years ago, I would have no more thought that I could do the things I can do now, than you think you can make a dress. When you want to do things to please others, You can do them. It has not been necessary for you to make bread, wash, iron and sew much as yet. Your business has been to get book knowledge. Now comes the other things which you can conquer, when you undertake. Don't think about them till next July. You must not. It is not good for you, mentally morally or physically. <u>It is foolish</u>. There my dear I can't afford to scold you any more. With a very great deal of love

Mother

[illegible] June 13

My [illegible] dear,

Thank you I am better to day. I hope better than I have [illegible]. [illegible] I am making [illegible] in bed [illegible] [illegible] am dressed [illegible] and lying [illegible]. [illegible] better in [illegible] Monday but [illegible] best for me to keep [illegible] [illegible]

Sarah [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] Missions [illegible] [illegible] She did not know [illegible] was [illegible] and she was looking [illegible] she [illegible] quite [illegible]

I hope your essay is done and handed in. Went [illegible] to some [illegible] quite [illegible] tired. The [illegible] is trying to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Much very love,
Mother.

You and John are really need-ed at home on the Strawberry short cake account. Some of them are getting a little "crusty"! Now I consider it, you are not very valuable in that line yourself. You need not come but send John whenever you can.

[illegible]

Father.

June 20, 18[illegible]

My dear Annie,—

I must be ashamed to think and lay here in the North End of [illegible] that I had fallen with [illegible] you would not have heard [illegible] your father came. I am better but the Dr does not want me [illegible] up, but he is coming this afternoon and I hope he will [illegible]. I am well enough to [illegible], he tells me [illegible] that I must have patience and all would be right [illegible] hoped.

[illegible] up to [illegible] with [illegible]. Is she not good? I find that [illegible] I feel [illegible] thought I was [illegible] here in [illegible]

[illegible]

under the head &c.
It was very [illegible] that [illegible]
my [illegible] astray. I can think
of nothing to write of interest [illegible]
[illegible]. I hope to hear from
you [illegible],

With much love,

Mother.

It is very warm.
[illegible] you [illegible] this morning, but [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Love. Affectionately,
[illegible]

184 P.M.

Babies all asleep, Oct 27, 7.10 Bast Ave,
Elyria, Ohio.

My dear Annie,—

We as a~~n~~ united family have a grave accusation to bring against you, Anna May Stevens Metcalf. You are guilty of the grave misdemeanor of stealing the heart of Isaac Stevens Metcalf Jun. and we have been tyrannized over by the young child all day. You never beheld him when he behaved as he has today. He has mourned for you all day and would not be comforted. He slept from 10.30 A.M. & 12.15 P.M. and howled for you the rest of the time. It was real funny to see him look for you when he heard a foot-

steps and the look of disappointment which spread over his countenance when it was not you. Now we desire you not to return till we have gained the heart of this child.

Anna Rich did well, so she said, especially with the beginners.

Ralph wanted me to tell you that he stood 100 in Reading & was one of the four best writers. It has rained most of the day so Maggie could not dry all her clothes.

We succeeded well. Ella had my room swept before noon, and I took a nap while baby slept.

Have the best time you can & sleep just as much as you can. Baby will forget about you somewhat and behave better tomorrow.

With much love,

Mother

June 26, '85

Saturday P. M.

My much beloved Anna:-

We are glad to hear that you are having a good time. We are getting along well and want you not to worry about home and home things. Allie has just finished the mending. For dinner we had beef steak, peas & raspberries. I get deserts the easiest way. Yesterday for dinner, we had nothing but potatoes a la Crea & Raspberry Short-cake

I sent over four loaves brown bread, but no white bread as it was not needed. We also let the Association have 8 qts milk. so I guess we did our share.

We all had a good time but-

missed the about ones.
Baby wrote you a letter but
I fear it will not reach you.
I have slept more than an hour
this P.M. and Marion is now
sleeping I think. Nettie is very
good and helpful. We miss
you because we love you and
like to have you around but
we want you to sleep and
really rest.

Mother

Dad - I know this writing is
most miserable, Yes!

My dear Annie,

Your letter just received and we have done some scolding. We had invited Paul Thayer, hoping that you & Azariah would be here to help entertain him. I am afraid he will not have a good time. Ettie does not expect to come to stay over Sunday.

Harriet has an idea ~~that~~ nothing can be done very well here without "Annie". They will get along someway. Harlan will doubtless come over.

All well.

Father

May 9th, 1887.

My dear Annie,

We had an unexpected visit from Hart & Ethel tonight. They have gone to the Baptist Concert this evening. I went down to a committee meeting this afternoon. Refreshment Committee. I do not expect to do any work, only make a cake. Mayo is getting along well. He coughs much and very hard. Was in bed two days. He has been just as good and patient as can be. I never saw a better child. Perfectly trustworthy & obedient. Our children are

a queer set. To a casual observer they appear only impudent and disobedient but there is some good in them after all. I think Mayo is better when sick than any of the rest will be. They show no signs as yet; but I shall expect to have them sick any day now. I did want to go Thursday evening but if they are sick I cannot. I hardly think it would be fair to you to come over & not go to the roll call.

I rode with the Father up to Carlisle this morning. Eliab and Isaac Jr. went with us. Just after we started Ely pitched out head first into the mud between the wheels.

She is trying 2 hard to fill your place. She went to Y. P. Meeting last night and I went to evening service so as to come home with her. I have not been to evening service before in months.
I did not go to church in the morning. We appreciate your cordial invitations to your home and would gladly accept them were it convenient but perhaps some time in the future we shall get there. Azariah makes an accusation against you thus early. He says you do not take enough rest. This will not do. You were too tired to begin, & you must sleep and rest. How do the stairs seem? It is hard on callers to climb them. Can you not entertain them

We supposed that the wheel went over him, & I held my breath but he screamed and stood up so we knew his back was not broken. His hat was covered with mud, also one of his hands. His face scratched a little. To night when we undressed him we found two marks or bruises on his arm & a big patch of mud on his back. He says the wheel went over his arm. He felt very much ashamed. Ely & Ba sleep together since Mayo is sick. Ely wants to undress when Ba does, so the latter goes to bed in our bed, but he has to play about one hour or more first before sleep. Ely goes to sleep very quickly. To night Mayo went to bed at the same time. Nettie is a [illegible]

down stairs." Ethel says you are very nice and cosy after you get there. Harry says you seem "pretty happy." Harry is funny. I must stop writing so much nonsense and write to Marion. Your letters are very gladly received. We want them often, but do not lose any sleep to write. I hope it does not trouble you to write home letters as it used to other letters. Wilder wrote saying he had not had an answer to his letter to you and was anxious to hear. I must say good night, with much love to Azariah & Anna.

Mother.

Nettie wishes me to say that her post-script was a fraud.

P.S. I have just read that last part of this letter and wish to add to it again. I darn all the stockings, mend all the clothes, wash dishes take care of house, make all the beds and do all the sweeping. This is intended for a friend. Net.

Dear Nan:—

You were mean to say what you did about me when I told you [illegible] that secret it was a fraid. I feel insulted. The teachers read a list of names of folks from all the classes to sing at Commencement and mine wasn't there. I'm mad. Very mad. You better come home and comfort me. Hadn't you? Bum has said things to at least three girls. "Has your sister Annie got back yet" or "Where is your sister Annie?" "Oh, she was at home for a while but she went to Oberlin to live with Mr. Kost." I heard stories are like this from three girls. Do you want to stop but to stop I hope you will not take the scolding [illegible] gave you greatly to heart as [illegible] said. I lead a lonely and solitary [illegible]. Such we lead [illegible] know. Take warning and return. A suicide you [illegible] to

"Yours [illegible]"

this signing is according to mine of yours written.

She is sick now so [illegible] & keep her [illegible]

Sister wants me to apologize for this blot. I must [illegible]

Sunday, May 22nd, 1887.

My very dear Anna.—

We did not intend to abuse you. We severally & singly beg and implore your pardon. I left it for your Father to write. He the same for me. How have you lived to day. I came out in my old muslin after dinner but when this delightful shower poured down upon us. I changed for a thicker gown. The children are gaining. They spent the whole of yesterday out-doors and the heat almost used

them up. Eliat and Isaac Jr. were much crosser than two sticks this morning. Isaac Jr. has not regained his appetite but his eyes have wonderfully improved. The Father, Nettie, Ralph & Mary attended church this morning, & myself went to S.S. We have a little coal oil stove some what like Mrs. Savage's. We stewed our beans over it today. and did not burn them. We shall like it much in hot weather. — — I have just returned from preparing the infants supper of bread milk & jelly. Nettie is with them. She and I are talking of going to hear Miss Edmonds

at the Opera house this evening.
Azariah, I wonder if you can not
do some thing for Charlie Cushing.
He has apparently deserted S.S.
You know he was very much interest
ed and almost made up his
mind to be a Christian. We
must get hold of him, and I
know he liked you and perhaps
in some way he can be reached
by you. My beloved children
I must say good night. I fear
that Annie did not sufficiently
convey my thanks or accept
them for herself for the kindness
and thoughtfulness of both two
of you during our measly period.
Please to do so.

Mother.

The visit of Anna was a very great bles
sing to us. I think it saved the Mother
from getting all used up & sick. Father.

Wednesday Feb. 23rd 1887.

Dear Azariah. -

I feel that I was not decided at all in my views in regard to those rooms, and I hope that I did not impress you as liking them so well, that it will be a great disappointment to you if I declare that I do not believe in them. Aunt Mattie helped me yesterday in my decision though I had found out before that stairs and woman's back were not made to go together. Anna's back is her weak spot and the more I have thought about it, the more I am afraid to have her take those rooms. On many accounts I think it would be very pleasant for you both but in the end I do not believe it will be economy. I wish we were able to start you in a little home of your own for I do not believe in renting or boarding, but can you not do as John Leading has thinks ~~of~~ ~~thinking~~ of doing, Buy a house on time, furnish only a couple of rooms and take ~~out~~ your dinners out till Anna gets used to things. Aunt Mattie who tried living on third floor in Washington says it will use Anna up to live -

much quicker if she tries to do work

up stairs and do nothing. The more I think of it I agree with her. I am sorry I did not say so when there, but the rooms were pleasant and you gave no time to decide. I can not write; we wish we could see you. Some less than fifty children have helped me with this letter.

Yours most sincerely

Hattie H. Metcalf

Jan. 23. 1888.

My dear daughter Azarie,

How do you do? We somewhat looked for you people Saturday night but decided it was too cold. I write thus early in the week so that you can get some one to lead your Young Peoples' Meeting next Sunday. The Father has a birthday next Sabbath & it is necessary that as many of the children as possible shall be present. Is your butter gone? I have a cunning little dish ready for you. We have not heard a word from any of you. I have so many letters to write that each must be short. You must have no excuse. You can change with some one. Lovingly

Mother.

This ink is poor, pen much.

Elyria, Ohio.
July 29th, 1887.

Dear Anna & Azariah

Your letter at hand this morning: and very interesting to us. I am glad you enjoy riding about that beautiful country. If you rode to [illegible]ville did you call upon or enquire after the Whipples who formerly lived so long in our yard. The old mother is dead, but the boys I think still live there, and I have heard good reports of them. You ought to go [illegible] to see them. George used [illegible].

Marion we hear from occasionally. One letter this morning. She seems to be enjoying her geological excursions &c. considerably. The company

it is very warm weather there.
The excursion was to Westfield Hog's back, a sort of Geological curiosity which I visited once nearly forty yrs ago. Today she expected to Excursion to [illegible] Falls.

We have some company. Tuesday Prof F. H. Foster & Will Severance walked over from Oberlin early in the cool morning, staid here all day, and walked back in Evening.

Grace Ethel returned from Amherst where she visited several days, on Wednesday morning. That evening two Benedict Girls came from Wellington, driving over to visit Ethel. Today they with Harlan, Ethel Harlan, & Willie have gone to the Lake with a big carriage to see the Bacon's &c. — John did not go, having his Sermons to write I suppose having been hindered by [illegible] [illegible].

We had ice cream for supper last night. All the family above Ralph with the exception of myself to prayer meeting last night.
I do not know whether the Miss Benedicts return tomorrow to Wellington or not. Mrs. Savage is making the small boys some clothes. She hopes to get through soon. I must write a line to Marion. Flo was here with her Edith Eastwood yesterday & staid quite a while. She was pleased with the small boys & enjoyed herself much. Yours with love to both,

Mother.

Elyria, Oct. 23, 1887.

My dear Children,-

What a terrible wind is this. I do not like to hear it, but we did like to see the boys when they came about dark. The wind blew them right along. We feel much broken up this season with so few of our children around us. We are somewhat lonesome because we want to see the folks. I do not believe you appreciated what a fine time we-uns had yesterday. We reached home 6:15. Kate was quite stirred up about the bycycles & a number of other things but she brought us home safely and we were all good natured. We think your house delightful, and you both know what we think of you all.

the time. We want to come again but fear the roads will be too muddy to drive over. I did not see enough of you people to tell you any thing. The Father-man utterly refuses to listen to a proposition to go away from home even for the sake of hearing Mr. Parker. He says he is too old a man and it is too hard work and he just wont. We thank you much for thinking of the "skeme". I will come over and stay all night some time. See if I dont. I am anxious to hear about the pie. Was it good in all respects. I will send you some butter when I send the boys' clean clothes. I shall send but a little at a time as you eat so little, much will not keep well. Dont buy any more. Our cows are doing better and we can make enough butter for both of us. We did not think they would continue to give so much milk.

We have considerable butter ahead and shall be only too glad to furnish you. For the past two weeks we have just gained. Our family is so small. Keep your cloth wet in salt water. Do not let it dry. I would put a plate over my crock. Did we eat up all your cookies? I fear we did. I have a leg of mutton and a beef's heart to cook tomorrow would like to divide with you. There come the children from Church. Here we have talked in the bed-room for more than an hour and I must begin as usual to send them out. If I send a jar of butter by the boys as I may, if we can get it in the Satchel you had better put some salt on the cloth & then pour a little water on, to dissolve it. Butter will keep better with brine over it.

Yours with love,

Mother.

November 7. 1887.

My dear Anna,-

Shall we all get down on our knees and crawl under the table, to show our sorrow for not writing to you sooner? The father man was very busy last week selling the mill. The papers were made out and the cash received Friday so that your news from Mrs. Twiss was a little premature though correct to a certain extent. We have laid up flour for a year and much feed for cattle. I am glad they have sold, but I do not like to have Charley leave us. I do not know that he intends to do so but Wilder wants him to come out West and I suppose that is the proper place for young men. I fear that we shall be very lonesome if all our big children leave us. The small boys have colds. Mayo coughed one night & Ralph coughed continually yesterday. He staid at home all day. To night Ba is at it. Tuesday eve. I was too sleepy last night to write. Can you not come over to our Missionary meeting Thursday

at 2 P. M. Miss Mary Williams sends you a special invitation. Mrs. Caperon is very interesting it is said. Ely is coughing tonight, I presume I shall have to grease him and put on a silk handkerchief. It worked well with Ba last night. You may buy your sugar and molasses, but we wanted to set you up at first. Here after if it troubles you, you may pay for them. How does your butter hold out? My recipes were very crude, & hastily written. A very quiet election. The father voted the Anti Saloon Republican Ticket. It is fine to have him at home to supper and Charley at dinner. Why dont you people write to Marion and Ethel you must find time. A letter from Marion today asks about you. Come over Thursday. Can your family come Sunday?

Good night with love to all,

Mother.

Elyria, Nov. 15th 1887.

My dear Brother,—

Baby has [illegible] me all the morning to "write a letter to grandpa & tell him she had better come." He could not go to sleep for a long time, because of this letter. He is upstairs in the South room. His father brought him up this morning wound all over with a blanket. We are having our rooms painted. The doctor said this morning that he was doing well but for two or three days he will gain slowly. Come & stay over Sunday anyway then, you act, and support the Y.P.S.C.E. work-ing as much as possible.

Nettie has added her mite.
Ba- is quite exercised. and
is anxious to have this letter
go. If you write him a letter
it will do him good. Do not
feel that you must obey his
commands. We should all be
glad to see you. but know
that you are busy with home
& library cares. Mrs. Savage takes
much care of him and just
now he is good. In a few days
when he wants things it will
be difficult to always please
him. Yours with love
Mother.

Thursday 3 P.M. Dec. 15
1887.

My dear Emma,—

I am compelled to write this to you to escape persecution, Elijah 2nd has begged me all day to write to you that he is sick. He says I wrote to you when baby was sick and he has really been afraid he would get well before I wrote. He was taken sick with vomiting in school yesterday & I think he had a slight chill. The father was afraid he might be coming down with scarlet fever — the symptoms so sent for the doctor, but it seems to be only a hard cold and some stomach trouble. He has not vomited since morning and I dressed him about eleven this forenoon and now he seems quite happy.

He has coughed very hard for two or three nights, but his cough is loose now.

Mrs. Savage has not been here for two days. Mrs. Poe is quite dangerously ill and she is

with me. How did you get home with your groceries. How is the butter. I believe you owe $2.75 will you take Nettie's concert ticket out of that. I have taken out the 40¢ I owe you. Wilder & Mary are supposed to reach Burlington to day. Edith was over to see if you were full for tomorrow night. She goes to Annie Ludingham's but wanted to find a place for Anna Monroe. Your father told her you were full. I hardly think Wilder & Mary will be over to the Concert. They go back to Lawrence the first of January.
They do not get to Burlington till Friday, and Wilder was hired out in Lawrence to commence work Jan. 1st at $1000 a year. and leaving him to [illegible] a friend [illegible] to [illegible] decide. Perhaps it will suggest itself to your mind, why Eliot is so anxious for you to know of his illness. He wants to hear from you. Hastily, Mother.

Dec. 27, 1887.

Dear Anna—

Reached home in safety & rode up from P. O. with aunt Albina. We found the specimen copy of "Wide Awake". but Nettie thinks she could make a pretty thing for Mary. The pictures are on both sides of the page in some cases which is bad. I will take that other book I brought home if you will please pay 75¢ for it to Mr. Chapman. I will give it to Mary. Nettie likes the "Picture

Galling for her present.
I have bought Mayo's copy
of Wide Awake for 5¢.

In haste
Mother.

I will pay you the 75¢
when I see you.

Feb. 5. 1888.

Dear Children, —

I owe you people 75¢ please not to forget it as I have deduct it from what you owe me. We are as usual. We three — Hattie, Father & I have been to church. The walks so icy that we came home in the road. Sleighing seems good. I can tell no news, so will say good night & send much love. Take care of yourselves. Return your calls. Make time & be good children. Come home when you can.

Mother.

I have my Junior Ex. I just stand & be on "[illegible] E." Should I make a goose of myself & cause the audience to retire? The mother's "children" cause some to remember. This P.S. applies to Hal & I. Mother is sick

I wish to correct a mistake of Nette's "I am not mad but soon shall be". Oh, this is wrong. I am not sick I did have sick headache Monday night but I have been to church twice to day & taught my class so you see her mistake.

Thursday Mch. 29th 1888.

Dear Children,—

I have felt somewhat guilty ever since I came from Oberlin and left two raging ill-behaved boys to trouble and vex you. I thought it was considerable when I was there. They had a very nice time and have often remarked, since, that they wished they were at Oberlin. They told me as soon as they came that Anna asked them to come again. That Mr. Root was not there so did not ask them. It was quite funny to hear them. P.H. Boynton is our next mayor. I knew I had more excuse for coming home Tuesday noon than I told you. Nettie had a part in the Young Ladies' Mission circle "Seven times two." I was all alone Tues. eve. till nine o'clock. I knew I must be at home that evening & could not remember the principal reason. I had a good restful time as I always do at your home. Remember you are to

come over the first Sunday you can get away.
I hope Azariah will really try and rest some
this vacation. It is necessary. How is your cold?
I must go to work. With much love in great haste,

Mother.

I will send two ~~pages~~ of John's letter just received.
He sent ten pages but this is the part you will
care for. Please return the same.

June 10th 1888

Dear Azariah,—

Do you suppose you need a little motherly advice? You live eight miles from the paternal mansion & have not been near it for six weeks. I fear you are not taking good care of yourself. You must not use your head so much without relaxation. I very much want to come & see what you and Anna are doing but can not get away from home. Take care of yourselves.

Yours with love
Mother

Mr. A. S. Root

Sept. 29. 1888.

My dear Anna,—

Once we had such a daughter also a son Azariah but not one word have we heard from them personally for many days. You are well I hope. Do you go to the Board meeting? How does your family prosper? Come and see us when you can. Can't you come some morning and stay till the afternoon train, I want so much see you.

Love much of it to two both of you.

Mother.

Mrs. Anna Mayo Stevens Metcalf —

— — —— Azariah Smith Root,

No 28 North-Prof. Street-

Oberlin.

Oct. 6th 1888.

Dear People,—

I hesitated after writing the first word and thought to whom shall this go. There are A & A. who owe me a letter, There is Karl in the same condition also Ethel. I believe Harry has written and really ought to have a letter but I will be impartial. I rather wanted to be in Oberlin to morrow as I suppose you will have some of the A. B. C. F. M. to preach to you.

I wish you could all have gone Thursday night. The Father was enthusiastic over Dr. Storrs' address. I wonder if he came to Oberlin. Were you people who went Wednesday somewhat fatigued?

It was too bad for Anna to wait two hours at the depot when I wanted to talk with her. Can you take me in when I come, if I do come to O. next week or is

Prof Smith there? Lizzie goes home Wed. or Thursday so that I may not come.

Fanny your letter was very good. They should come prompt-ly every week. Indian Summer does not come till after a good hard frost: generally in November.

How did you come out on the debate. I fear you do not keep up with the polit-ical news, not to know any thing about the Mills bill. I think Ethel quite suc-cessful in getting into the Choir. Are you also in the Choir? Come over to this region and we will give you some grapes. Those that do not ripen we will jell perhaps. Some apples are picked, just a few. The weather has not been favorable for such work of late, especially yesterday and today. Some tomatoes picked today. Letter from St Louis this week.

I am to bed going.

Yours with love,

Mother.

Oct. 14. 1888.

My dear Anna,—

It is with great pleasure that we receive your letter. It has been so long since you have written home.
I was sorry not to be with you last week but I was prevented. Lizzie went away Thursday morning and Sarah wanted me to spend Wednesday with her as that was the only time we three were together.
Also I am having my annual cold and feel very dull and stupid. Other reasons I could give but these are enough.
I hope to live long enough and feel well enough to spend many pleasant visits with you, but not just now.
I wish I could help you mind and help you in other ways. I have always anticipated helping you so much but have not done anything as I have hoped. Well, never

mind it is all right or it would not be,
We are glad to see Harry, and wish you
people would spend a Sabbath with us.
It is bad to be so near and yet so far.
I am afraid you tired yourself out last
week. Take care of yourselves and take life
easy. You dont have to live this life but
once. Come when you can, write when you
you can. Do not worry. Do not hurry
Get not tired. Let some things go. Come
and make quince jelly this week.

Yours with love, A & B.

Father thinks of going } Mother.
to Rochester Tues. night - to Cleveland Conference
Come and stay all night with me and
we will make jelly. The folks can do without
you one day. They would have to if you
were sick.

Jan 4th 1889.

My dear Annie,

Had I not feared that the rough roads would shake me to pieces, I should have come with Marion this morning. Marion told us of Edith's desire to stay with you and I will very hastily say our little say. I do not want you to have extra care that will worry you, but if Miss Stanley can come and help you, it seems to me that it will really be easier for you. She is so nice and capable. I can see that boarders are not so pleasant as to be alone, but it will be much

more profitable to have two instead of one, and with Miss Stanley to take so much care off your shoulders you will have more time for the library. Am I correct in my quarts. Marion is in haste as it is nearly time for Consecration meeting to which she and Nettie will go hie so I must say good night — with much love,

Mother.

Do not do this if it is going to make you worry, for you must not worry. It is wicked.

I think it will do ethel quantities of good to have such a young lady as Miss Stanley in the same house. I think also that it will do Edith good to be with you also vice versa, to say nothing of the boys.

Feb. 17, 1889.

Dear Annie,—

We heard that you and Azariah came near coming home. I wish you could and would. How do you do? These people who come from your house seem to know little about you who stay at home. We are as usual and of course enjoyed the valentines much. The small boys have valentines for Annie but we hardly thought them worth the postage but will send with this.

Mary came Monday and was very welcome. Things have changed in appearance since her return. That molasses we made you pay 50¢ for we will make all right. I know now that is only a gallon or "five qt. jug."
Is it getting empty?
Do you take care of yourself?
Hail says that Azariah is very busy. Ethel writes as though she was enjoying herself exceedingly. She says you are a jolly family & all funny. Nettie does not think we are very jolly, but we are noisy. I suppose we shall have to be vaccinated if the children continue in school.

Come and see us some day.
Can you not come on the
ten o'clock train some day
and stay till five o'clock?

Fatherman is reading to me
and I may be a little mixed
in my composition of this
epistle. Has Marion told
you, she is having the mumps
and wants letters. We have
~~written~~ written nine to her since last Sunday.
I must say good night.
Love to both of you two, take
care of each other & to not
get too tired.

Mother.

These valentines were ready to
send the 14th but Mays wanted
to send two but he has not finished
his yet. He has three hands.

Right-hand, Left-hand to a little behind hand.

March 15. 1887

Dear Annie,

I am going to rebel and feel that I know still less than I do know, if you tell Ethel she cannot learn about house work at home. I have always known that I am not a success at keeping house. I think any one of you girls far my superior in many of the details, but I will confess that I never liked it and knew only what I was obliged to learn until I was married. Family cares came thick and fast.

not being strong to feel any ambition and as a natural consequence our house looks like destruction or would. If I had not had you, and then Nettie to lift the burden. I like housework exceedingly now, and I fear break the tenth continually commandment, for I do covet health and strength like Mary's for instance. Now you are somewhat in my condition. You have not been well for years or rather not strong. You also disliked housework when a girl and you think you know but little about it. But I know that you do know.

and I think you learned some of it at home from your mother by practice in your own house that is strong. She seems willing and anxious to learn. I believe she will do it: I think she can do it here and it rather troubles me to have any feeling of doubt. I think there is a great change in Ethel. I have noticed it this year. Her present surroundings, of an unselfish sister & brother & Mary Stanley are doing her good. She is beginning to appreciate them more & more. It does me good to see it. I believe it will do you and Mariah good to be told that she appreciates you. I think that Retta in the

Same school will develope
her to a true woman, it is
in her. I hope your health
and strength will hold out
so that these younger ones
may all come under the
same influence.
You are doing a good work.
Now my beloved Emma I
hope I have said nothing
to worry or trouble you. I
have thought the subject over
and see how we can arrange
so that Ethel can learn many
things if I am to come & start
said up. What she needs
especially to learn is cooking
mending and sewing generally.
If Mary stays with us as I

hope she will. We can fix things well. God bless and keep you.
Be careful Anna of yourself.
You did me good you looked so well the other day.
I believe if you are careful you will henceforth be a stronger woman.

With much love to both
Mother.

Elyria 8.25 P.M. Sept. 17 '89

My dear Anna, -

Your letter just received. Ethel forgot to deliver or I should have sent a line by Harry. I think you had better take a student girl if she comes along. I have written to Carrie but fear she will be unable to come very soon. Sarah says that the brother for whom she keeps house is to be married, this fall but she does not know just when and Carrie will have to stay till after the wedding. I hope to hear from Carrie soon but as I do not know her address I had to send my letter ~~it~~ to her home and her people will deliver.

We had a good ride Saturday only the visit was all too short. I wanted to stay. Wa was a good boy.

I hope Nellie will not be homesick and that she will make frequent visits to 28 N. Prof. Street.

I am sorry the newspapers were not remembered. Next time we will try and not be in such haste. We have made 25 glasses of three kinds of apple jelly to day. You are to have some. I must to bed go. Be good and happy both two of you.
If you want me send for me.

Yours with love,
Mother.

If we should desire to write to Nellie shall we send the letter to Spear Library.

Oct. 1. 1889.

Dear Anna, —

How do you and the blessed ba— do? I intended to write last night but this small Keyes objected so I obediently stopped. Train your boy better. Carrie Bechlet was in yesterday. She goes to Chicago. Lucy's woman won't come to you. I think Keyes and I will come and spend the winter. What wages will

you pay a woman with baby thrown in?
I want to come over but the roads are heavy. Perhaps I will come Friday. Azariah please write us for Anna. Anna be very careful. You can not be too careful. Ba- will be happier and stronger if you are careful. I do very exceedingly want to see you. Nettie says your ba- is prettier than Keyes at his age. I expect you will have a blue day this week but never mind it is part of the programme

How is Nettie & Mrs Sagaze
and Aunt Albina.
A nice letter from Harl
this week. I must send
this for the mail man to take.
Kyles is assisting me
as you will perceive.
Make haste slowly.
With much love to all
and kisses for the
baby.

Mother.

Will write sometime when
I do not have so much
help.

Monday Eve.

Dear Anna & Azariah,—

A great burden is off my mind. I am so glad Mrs. Hoffner is with you. I came near being worried much about you. Now keep Mrs Hof— as long as possible.

Poor Pa. I hope his pains have departed. I also hope you wont have to dose him any more with medicines.

I have not seen Mrs. Savage since I brought her home Saturday but she said she

was very busy sewing and
getting ready to come here.
I hope she will come soon.
When I heard that Mrs. H—
was with you I felt like
shouting Hip, hip, hurrah,
Your all right now,
Mary is having her vacation
but when Mrs. Savage can come
I shall come over to Oberlin.
Have you heard from the Lorain
girl? Where is Miss Turner?
Did she come home?
Ben is four weeks old tomorrow,
How the days go.
I want to see the little fellow.
They laugh at me because
I want to come to Oberlin so

much. Tuesday morning,
How do you do again? I did
not finish last night.
Remember me to Mrs. Hoffner.
Continue to be happy,
Much love to two both of you,
Mother.

Tuesday evening.

My dear [illegible],

I feel somewhat encouraged in regard to the girl question. You spoke about Ruth Smith. After I took Aunt Albina home I thought I would drive around there and see, I had no expectations of success. Mrs Smith was the only one at home. She said perhaps Ruth would go as her Father is better just now, she would tell her. Ruth and May came around to see me to night and Ruth thought she would like to try it. She says she [illegible] you and thinks she would not be homesick. She can iron all but collars shirts & cuffs, well, wash dishes, clean lamps sweep and do what you tell her. She has made bread but you will need to show her your way. I think she can get your meals with some showing at first. She wants to learn. I fear she has not consulted her father and he may say "No". May, I

know wanted me to ask [illegible] of Ruth. She was real mean in her remarks to Ruth, telling her she did not know how to do different things. I think it will be a good thing for Ruth and I believe she really can help some with baby. She loves babies. She would have come over tomorrow but I can not come till Thursday and she wants me to go with her. If you do not want her send word by Ethel tomorrow and we will not come, we will probably come on morning train Thursday if Mr. Smith and May will let her. Ruth will be here tomorrow; Mrs. Savage says take baby to bed with you. Do not get up nights with him. If he finds out that crying will make you take him up he will cry. I never get up with a baby unless he is really sick. You can put a shawl over you and sit up to change him.

Mrs. Savage also says "why dont they give celery." She says it was not she that told you it made his head hot. She says, she told you it was not well to give it when you were giving other medicines. She does not believe

in the other medicines). I do not know but what I shall consult with Dr. Sherwood about the small boy's sleeplessness.

Ruth wanted to know what wages. I asked her what she thought she could earn. If she does every thing she thinks she can earn $1.75. If you have your large articles done at the laundry, I presume $1.50 at first would do. It might be well to have your dinner brought up for a week or so till she has the run of things.

At the depot I heard of a colored girl that wants a place. She has worked at Mr. Olds Pleasant Street, her home is on East Lorain. Her name I think is Coles or something like it. I hope you will all sleep well.

Let me hear from you tomorrow.

I must to bed.

Yours with much love,

Mother.

Elyria Oct. 11, 1889.

My dear Annie,—

I suppose you are anxious to hear from me. Mrs. Lyons cannot come but Miss Turner will be there Tuesday. If the roads are good I shall bring her over and take Mrs. Savage back. Otherwise I shall try and come with her on the train.

I coaxed hard. She had just taken an agency for a book. "Life and Letters of Roscoe Conklin", and thought it would not do to put it off. She wants to canvass Oberlin and decided that after the two weeks nursing she might continue to stay with you if you were willing to have her help nights & mornings. I like her quite well & Aunt Anna says Mrs. Heman Ely liked her.

Mr Lersch wanted her to nurse his two boys who are sick with typhoid fever but she did not want to take the care of fever patients. Do not worry. In great haste.

Mother.

Oct. 20. 1889.

My dear Anna,—

How has the day gone with you? I am anxious to hear from you. Can you not write us a postal often. I wish I could run in more often but you must send us word often. If I could find you a real good girl I should try and come over with Keyes for a few days and help you take care of your baby while the girl helped take care of Keyes.

You are somewhat acquainted
with Eliot's characteristics.
He is very slow to mind. He
learned the fourth command-
ment last week. This is the
the way he had it at first—
"Six days shall thou linger &c.
I must to bed for with much
love and good wishes,

Mother.

Kiss Francis for his Grandmother.
The Stevis version of the Lords prayer
may amuse you.
"Thy Kingdom come, it shall
be done on earth as it is in
heaven".

Send word on the noon train,
I will send postal for fear you have
none in the house. Have Nettie put it
in the office.

Monday morn.

My dear Annie -

Your letter came Saturday Evening. Harry thinks of coming home nights. The little boys are all in school except Ba - so that he can study where he pleases until 4 o'clock then he can go into the South Room upstairs. He may change his mind after trying it - and stay with you. Don't hurry about your house & do not put up a bedstead till you get the one that is to stay put up. Hal will not be

there before Monday of next week. I hope you are not waiting for this. I might have written this and sent it to the Post yesterday but it was Sunday. We are well and hope you have entirely recovered from your home trip of a week ago. I was pretty well used up for the rest of that day. Cecil Helen Butler is visiting at her father's & I must try to get there this afternoon. I can not write more because Isaac Jr. keeps the work in the wrong direction. At present he is Romeo & requires much notice. He also has a knack of leaving his mark on my

letter. I shall try and come over to see you this week.

Letters from Marion & Ethel came the last of the week, telling of their safe arrival. Now do not worry about things. If it is going to be a worry to you to have Hal & Harry with you I shall object to their being with you. "Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself."

Take care of yourselves & do excuse this ill-written epistle. If you were here you could see the reason why.

With much love to all two of you. Mother

My dear Annie,-

I have intended to write to you for days but time is limited. Rachel came back Wednesday night, and I have been getting my clothes most of the time since. I did really mean to get over and see you this week but the chances are that I shall wait until ______. What think you of my Columbus trip. If Mrs. Savage is here can it be done?

Would it be too much a favor to ask of you that small [illegible]

stay with you for a day or so at that time? I know you are busy and I feel that it is putting an additional burden upon you. We have not heard a word from you for a <u>long</u> time. Can you not come for over Sunday.

Father is waiting so I must close this scribble. Come just as often as you possibly can. It will do Sarah good to hear some of our noise & it will do us quantities of good to see all two, both of you.

Much love. Mother

How do you like your rooms. Are they noisy. How goes the summer.

Take Notice. —
Read the last sheet first
if you are short of time.

Nov 14, 1887.

My dear Annie, —

I told Mrs. Savage your dire extremity. We have all laughed over the girl episode. Aunt Mattie was here with Aunt Anna this afternoon. She was greatly surprised at the girls leaving. Never knew a North Amherst girl to do such a thing before.
I will tell you Mrs. Savage's remarks about coming over. If she had nothing to do and was at home she should be

glad to come. but she feels that she can not afford to come without charging, and she says she should not feel like charging you what she feels her time is worth. She knows you are poor that you have been to great expense. Perhaps she would object to my telling all this. I told her to go as far as we are concerned. She has $4,80 a week here. but does not come till eight in the morning. She proposed to go down and see Mrs Lyons this evening. Perhaps she would come for a little while at a reasonable price. Mrs Savage thinks she

Sunday eve. Nov. 17.

My dear Anna-

Nettie thinks you remarked that you do not want to try another girl. I went down to see her Mother yesterday, and requested her to send the girl to me when she came to town. Her Mother expects she is to go to you but I can find her a place I think if you think best not to take her.

I will pass judgement upon her when she comes. If I like

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not better keep her? She has worked at a Mr. Tenney's in Lorain.
Is there a Mr. Tenney in Lorain a relative to Mrs. Brand?
just write a few lines to tell about things. Hastily.

Mother.

My dear Azariah,

I am a little troubled in spirit for fear you think I am unsympathetic and heartless. I scolded you because you were nervous, but I feared that Anna seeing you worried would worry more, and I think it would be a great help to her if you do not show your worry. You have a beautiful boy and he is growing. We all are anxious that he and Anna should have the best of care

It has troubled me much that things are as they are, I can see that Miss Turner is not like Mrs. Savage, but Mrs. Savage had a talk with her and she says she likes her, and she believes in her. She has common sense and though evidently awkward is not a failure. I have a scheme, can you not get Mrs. Hofner to look in upon you once a day, or is she too far away? I want to be over there very much. And shall come as much as possible anytime when you want me. Meanwhile keep up a good heart; Yours with love

mother.

My dear Anna,—

My dear I think I said I would not write you again but I will.

I may not be able to get to Oberlin the fore part of the week as I expected. Circumstances over which I have no control may prevent.

I am looking into the girl question. Do not worry things will be all right.

Do not give up the use of fruit because of baby's stomach

I think it is necessary for you and him too.

It is nine o'clock and I must to bed. I intended to write more.

Yours with much love,

[illegible]

Monday Eve.

To the dear Oberlin Children.

This is a company letter but especially I would ask Hal & Harry what has become of your soiled Clothes? We have had none for two or three weeks. To Anna & Azariah I would say that I appreciate the trouble & care that small Isaac was to you and fear that you lost two nights' rest. I thank you for your goodness. We are as usual. The Father thinks of going to Chicago tomorrow morning to the reunion of his College Society. Will be gone till Friday. I hope after his return to come and see you. I will write a letter sometime. How goes house work Anna? Where do you board? Tell us all about yourselves.

Mother.

I have just seen Hal's letter. You might try the Chinaman for a while, on shirts collars & cuffs, and see how he

toes. But where are your handkerchiefs, night-shirts &c. &c. I should think you would need some clean ones.

My dear Anna,-

You sent too much cash. I return $.50 and also some eggs. I had a very nice time and I think you did me good while at Oberlin. I hope you did not ~~tire~~ yourself all out so that we can not come again.

We enjoy Harry's visit much and the small boys abuse him to their hearts desire.

In spite of the good influence surrounding Ralph at Oberlin it did not follow him, War was declared immediably on his return an continues more or less unto this day.

Hastily / Mother.

As economists I advise you not to trade much with the foregoing writer. It seems she carried over five lbs of butter, and chg^d you for seven. I am glad her conscience compels her to make even partial restitution. This is a base insinuation. I said there were 5 1/2 lbs. butter as Mrs. Savage took 2 lbs. We an

even now. Eggs & butter paid for. Eggs 14d a doz.

Mrs A. A. M. M. Reid -

Tues. afternoon

My dear Anna,

I was too cross to write last night. It was too warm for this time of year to make one happy.

The father man went to Chi- this morning and it seems a great event to have him away. I hope he will have a good time. I don't think he will enjoy the Society meeting so much as he will to see the city. I expect E. W. went with him. He is to go to Morrison. I had

a good time at Columbus
but was about used up when
I came home, I had a
sick head ache that night
I came home which is
some excuse for my not
knowing any thing when
I saw you at the train.
I must write to Marion &
Ethel so can write no more
Do you come over when
you can. Yours with love,
Mother.

Saturday morning

My dear Anna—

I send by Nettie 3 lbs butter I have intended to come over some day all the week but the weather has been too cold. I did not dare venture out. Harry's coat could not be well mended as I could find nothing like it in the house & so I just darned it down. Mrs Savage has not been here since that Saturday you came. Do not coax Nettie to stay as she has not time. When the weather moderates you may expect me. Yours with love

Mother.

Mrs. A. S. Root

April 21. 1890.

My dear Anna

Your note received. I have been intending to write but have found no time. I have enquired once for the stockings at Baldwin's and sent down last week, but they had not come. They said they would write to find out the reason they did not send them.

Francis' foot must have grown as the shoes were long enough when made.

Salt pork fat is the nicest of any fat for all purposes. I always like to save every bit of it. You need not salt the food you put it in. Nettie says the board at her new boarding place is very fine, better than where she boarded last.

Do not feed your boarders too high.

I am coming over to see you some time but I made up my mind when I was over there that I never would come to Oberlin again, until the roads were better. I never

had such a shaking in my life, going to the depot was worse than when we went up to your house. I want to see Francis as well as the rest of you. Does your sewing progress? I must stop and mend pants for fear Keyes will awake.

Yours with love,
Mother.

Is there any thing here, or any where in this vicinity, that you want brought over to Oberlin?

I, Grandfather Metcalf, want to see my grandson. So I am going to Oberlin — some time. I have an excuse to carry over a barrel of sugar I promised to carry over last fall as soon as the roads were decently good. They are getting so now.

June 10. 1880.

My dear Annie,—

Before making beds this beautiful morning I will write a line to you "chilluns". We are well as usual and happy. The weather is delightful. Yesterday E.W. lent us Tom horse for the day and we enjoyed the rides much especially Keyes who was afraid at first but soon recovered and objected to being taken from the carriage. We were very glad to learn that you were not all used up entirely when you reached home. We are anxious to know whether Francis has become acclimated. Does Eastern milk agree with him? Have those other teeth come? Azariah are you attending to that foot? Do devote your time to it. I believe it is dangerous in its present condition not only to happiness and comfort but also to longevity. Anna you just keep at

him. Have him consult other physicians than a specialist in that line.
Do you people continue to boil?
A letter from Carrie yesterday says John left St Louis for Geneva Lake Monday night. We are very glad to hear that he has left the city without getting sick. I hope you are having delightful rides among those beautiful hills, and will be wonderfully refreshed when you return. Keyes helps me so much in this that I can stop sooner than I otherwise might. His fingers on words emphasizes them.
Write as often as you can. Please remember me to your Father & Mother.

Yours with love,
Mother.

Marion is at Deer Isle. We have not heard from Hal.

July 30. 1890.

My dear Annie,

It has been my intention for a number of days to answer your letter but I did not seem to get at it. We are as usual in health, but we are very exceedingly warm. I think I have not felt the heat so much this year as I did yesterday. About four o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr & Mrs Herbert Brooks, Abbie and Chrissie drove up to stay one night. This P.M. they drove over to Oberlin and we expect them back soon.

I hope you are having delightful cool weather. I am glad you have a chance to ride so much.

I am sorry that Azariah has not attended to his foot.

Our church is not ready yet for occupancy and I fear will not be for a couple more Sundays. Keyes has eleven teeth and the other is expected every day. then I hope he will

rest till Sept. The men and three small boys went to the Lake last week. I do not think I shall try to go this summer though the Uncle E. W. has invited me to go in his delightfully easy carriage. Will & Carrie are here but I have just seen Carrie to shake hands. Mrs Gaylord and her Rollo & Gladys are still here. Grace is very miserable and has gone to Conn. to her Grandfather's. Uncle Wr. is very feeble, and today Aunt Anna has neuralgia.

We look for Marion next week and perhaps John & Carrie.

When do you people expect to get home. If Francis should have the measles, I should not worry. I would not want to expose him purposely, especially while he is teething, but babies generally have them light. I hope he has not been exposed ~~fast~~ it would make it hard for you. I supposed you were down stairs I thought Mr & Mrs. Root's rooms were down stairs.

Going up and down stairs is hard work with a baby. Francis is ten months old. What a big baby he is getting to be.

Does he lose flesh any?
Lu Lewis, Shepard has a baby five months old that I believe is heavier than your baby was at that age. He is a big fellow. Lillie Sutcliff has a very bright-looking baby.
It is nine o'clock and those people have not come. I am a good mind to go to bed. I am so warm & tired I cannot write a decent letter. I can think of nothing to say. Write often even though you have time but for a few words. Do get all the sleep possible.

Yours with love,

Mother.

Do not try to sew but sleep and rest instead while baby will let you.

We are having some exceedingly warm weather. But in spite of it we are all quite well. The Young Keyes did seem to suffer some with his teeth, but I think he is about through with it now. And he seems to enjoy life about as well as any one. The Mother has some pains in her left arm and shoulder, and it tires her to ride much.

Aug 11. 1880.

My dear Annie,—

Your welcome letter came in time but we had looked for it some days. I intended to write yesterday but Keyes did not feel as happy as usual and I had not the time. Our last spell of hot weather was pretty hard on him and though we do not call him sick, he is not well. He looks peaked. He has his twelve teeth. The Waite baby has been very sick also the Crosier baby & Lamberton baby. but they are all getting better. We have had two or three cooler days, and they are delightful. We seem to keep quite comfortable as a whole. It seems as though I never felt the heat as I did those warm days.

John came Saturday night and has gone to Oberlin to day house-hunting. Carrie comes in a week or so.

We have not seen Mary Wilder yet. She is not very well, and her father has been very sick. Have you heard any particulars of Mrs Frost's sickness and death? We heard it was a sudden death. Sick but a few days. A letter from Marion says she will not be at home for a week or so. She expects to see you on her way home. Francis keeps well, I hope. I think of nothing to do for heat-rash but to sponge him off in warm water. Keyes was in the same condition and I sponged him off every night in real warm water, and he would begg to be washed, he enjoyed it so much.
The clock strikes nine and I must to bed. I have been about ten minutes writing this scrawl is my apology.
Again I am not satisfied about the toe I want you to consult physicians. be sure and do so. Your vacation is half gone and your toe is not cured.
Anna I want you to have a hired girl. I believe you need one. A competent one. Then if Ethel should come to Oberlin she

Tuesday P.M.

could board with you, and room with Nette.
I do not think the girls ought to be there
unless you have help. I do not know
what Ethel is to do. We can not tell
till we consult Marion.
Nette thinks Miss Phelps has not the time
to help much. How is it? Does she do much
and do it decently? Do not take the
trouble to answer these questions
unless you want to. I am perhaps
saucy to ask them. I presume you could
get Rachel Smith if you want her.
You know her disagreeable points.
Her only recommendation is cleanliness.
That counts, but if you could get some
other girl I think you would be more
comfortable. I forgot Rachel is also careful
about wasting. She is really economical.
I do not want to make you worry but
I do want you to have enough help
so that you will not kill yourself.
I suppose Miss Phelps could get another place.

I must stop all this. Keyes as you perceive is assisting. Never mind what I say. I do not intend to advise but do it more than I ought. You know best what you want and must act accordingly. Rachel is at home now, and I thought if you wanted her perhaps you could get her, by speaking now, is my excuse for all this nonsense. Keyes is unhappy and I must stop. Write soon and take care of yourselves. Yours with love,

Mother.

Rachel would not be much help with the baby but she can sew some I think. If you had rather not have Netta just say so.

July 2. 1891

My dearly beloved Anna, —

I wish to thank you very much for your very great kindness to Florence Bullock. I did not intend she should make you so much of a visit and I feel as thoug[h] I had almost imposed upon your good nature. She is here this afternoon, came to thank me (to whom no thanks are due) She says she had the best time in Oberlin she has had in Ohio. You must have treated her royally.

Now may I say a few words about Rachel. I feel that it is

too much for your peace of
mind to have her there in
her sour state of mind.
You are not obliged to have
her if she is saucy and
cross all the time. I did not
know she was so much so, till
Marie told me so. She is to be
pitied poor thing and I am
sorry for her. but you ought not
be troubled with her.
Why not have a good talk with
her before she goes away, tell
her if she does not feel happy
with you she had better go elsewhere
where not come back.
The right one will come after
a time. I am seriously thinking
of taking baby and camping
down on you sometime this
summer. I believe we might have

a good restful time. What think you? I should much like to see you. Are you very exceedingly tired? I must finish ~~ing~~ copying my missionary paper which I read tomorrow.

Yours with love,
Mother.

Dec. 22. 1892

My dear Irma,

The reception at Mrs. Ely's is a grand crush, evidently. I judge that nearly every one is invited. I think they must want to unite the different factions. I have nothing to wear only what I wear every where, but I intend to go. Why can you not come over Wed. prepared to spend the rest of the year and until term time next year. We will try and make you comfortable though I know we have not a comfortable place for winter. but if you can be comfortable in

the boys' room if you are very welcome, and we shall be delighted to have you.

You, Azariah Smith Root
Anna M. S. Metcalf Root
Francis Metcalf Root

are especially invited to spend the holidays at 43 West Avenue Elyria, commencing at the least before Wednesday Dec. 28th 1892, and continuing indefinitely.

Yours with love
Father & Mother

Elyria March 27. 1892

My dear Anna,—

It is indeed fine to have letters from you. you are a very fine letter writer. One breadth of the carpet was spoiled. The floor shows that fire has past over it. You can let the other Oberlin ites read the letters sent over. It is not necessary to return them as we answer them before they are sent away. I think it very nice that you can find good worthy people to help you.

The Father has not been real well the past week. His stomach & brain evidently out of order, also Ralph has been having a bilious attack today. I think he played too hard yesterday. I hope to go to Glee Club tomorrow night. I want to very much.

The Father bought two tickets. Perhaps we can prevail upon him to go. Mayo. Eliot & Isaac have gone to the church to night to hear Mrs Harding. It is the tenth Anniversary of the "Little Helpers" all former members are invited, Here they come. Well! they are on their way to bed. and I must follow in their foot-steps. Minnie went home Friday night. to spend vacation and I do miss her. The baby is fretful some what, His eye teeth are troubling him, I think. He loves Minnie and will go to sleep with her quicker than with me. Things worry him more than they ever did Keyes. I fear he is going to have the kind of disposition that Ralph & Isaac have.
I must to bed. Yours with love

Mother

I went to prayer meeting Thurs. first time in months.

Mar. 31. 1892

My dear Anna: -

Your letter, also one from each of the other girls came yesterday. I will only write a word. We shall be pleased to welcome you home Saturday. We are always greatly pleased when any of you can come home. The Father man is sick. He did not take care of himself last week and so is not so well. He is in bed since yesterday. He was going down town yesterday morning but Uncle E. W. came just then and soaked his feet and put him to bed. The Doctor & Uncle E. W. were here twice, in order to keep him in bed they said, They have both just gone. I think the doctor thinks father is doing well. I meant to have sent this by post-man Must send by with it. Yours —

What was the matter with ~~Francis~~? Mother.

'92
Ty[illegible] Aug 3,

Dear Anna

Your letter came last night and the Mother wrote to you soon after the girl went away. A great strong good natured girl 19 yrs old upon whom she had based very great expectations. With Marion and Nettie [She] was talking of getting up before seven in the morning instead of before six, to say nothing of various other reforms and easements. She was a nice looking girl, but she had never been away from home before and she got dreadfully homesick.

But — the object of this writer is especially to affirm that the other writer, the aforesaid writer reports a slan-

derous accusation against this very estimable and especially good natured and amiable family and household. I am personally tolerabley well acquainted with the whole family in question and have been quite intimately associated with them during the whole time of the unpleasantness referred to. And I hereby assert with no fear or chance of contridiction that "Cross" is a word entirely uncalled for in any authentic history of the matter. If any body has heard a cross word from any one it must have been from some very young and very immature person irritated beyond measure by excess of clothing or some other "impedimenta" in this extreme weather. I affirm that the spirit

and temper of the whole family is and has been simply saintlike and angelic.

All over the young and immature aforesaid are also in a state of most robust and smiling good health. Keyes stomach under too much stress of green apples &c. &c. did rebel a little for a single do a week or two ago. But both he and Nelson ever since eat every green and dry thing not only with impunity but with apparent advantage and improvement moral & physical.

Marion says, this man's veracity is only equalled by his ———

Nelson & Keyes are very crooked.

It is a lovely morning.

Aug 14. 1892

My dear Annie,—

I fear you have had no word from home the past week. We enjoy your letters very much. I am so glad you are having a good restful time. It rests us to have you rest. A week ago Saturday Mrs. Clark the employment woman sent for me to tell about a sixteen year old girl who had been here last week with a theatrical troupe. Came from Sandusky as nurse to the pianist's three months baby. The baby, poor thing, was cross and starved, and she thought that being "Ladies' Maid" was not so much fun after all. They did not pay her any thing. I felt sorry for the poor child and so we have tried her for a week, but she can not get up in the morning, and can not do any thing properly. so she must go. She is weak in character and it troubles me to turn out into the cold world, but I fear my strength is not sufficient. and I know I lack grace. Tomorrow, we are to have a niece of Uncle Elias's man. She just came from Germany last week. She is supposed to be strong and bright. but can not talk English. We went to the Lake yesterday in the band wagon, Ralph Fay, Marguerite and Mr E. R. Bullock of Pawtucket R. I. went with us. He is Ella Kent's brother. It was a beautiful day. We went down the Gulf road and back by way

of Lorain. Marion Florence Nettie, Nelson, & Earl went with Uncle E. W's folks. Wednesday Nelson is a jolly man to take pic nicing. I taught the babies' class in S. S. to day. Such little ones as Keyes, Scott Bowen, &c. Mrs. Searles' little girl beats any child I ever saw. She is a couple of months older than Keyes, and she can not sit still or keep still one whole minute, and will not mind. Francis can not begin to come any where near her in activity. I should think she would wear her mother out. I must stop and write to the Kansas boys. What girl have you engaged for Sept.? How is Azariah's toe. How is his general health? I forgot to say we sent word to John Friday night and when we reached the lake Saturday, there he was ahead of us on his wheel.

Politics are moving. The chances seem to be improving for Harter. Mr Johnson is supposed to be getting somewhat anxious. With love to all

Mother.

Very glad to hear that you are really taking time and getting rested. Do so more & more I do not believe you need to watch that Young Man Francis all the time. He is not so determinedly vicious all the time as Thomas Nelson. And even he has his good points. He is amusing at a Pic Nic, and good when riding. Father.

Jan 6: 1894.

My dear Anna.—

I intended to have written you the day that Nettie came home but as usual I put it off.

I am glad your throat is better. Do you keep Hydrastis in the house. I would, and use it on the first indication of soreness. I do not dare to be without it.

Nettie told about your colored boy scheme. I think it would be a good thing and such a very good excuse to get rid of Lillie. You would not have to have him in the parlor and he would be strong enough to do whatever you need. Cleaning house & all such things. Can he wash, iron, & cook. I want you to get rid of Lillie and it is a good chance to do so.

I must stop or I shall be late for the postman. Wilder goes to Cleveland with Uncle E. W. today and we shall not probably see him again this time. We send John's letter which was very prompt this time.

Yours with much love
Mother.

July 31. 1894 -

My dear A. & F.

Your letter of July 29 came to day. It was good as usual. I meant to have sent you a letter to day but neglected to write it.

We have a fine scheme and we are all agreed & so is Annie Leading [illegible] and I believe Azariah will believe with us. We want you to come home and then lend us Francis for a couple of weeks while you and Nettie and perhaps [illegible] folks go to Inwood or else where on the shore and stay. We are alarmed for you Anna. We fear nervous prostration or some other ill to befall you if you do not have a regular rest. Now, we can take care of Francis, Ethel and I are

very anxious, so are M and N. but Ethel & I want very much to have the entire care of him. I know he will be good with us and it will do us good. It will not worry me and it does trouble me to have you feel so worried about him. If you were not tired all out you would not notice his noisy boisyness so much. Now is not this practical? It will be good for France to feel that he is only one of a good many, and we will try hard not to teach him bad morals

Other people let their children visit their grand-parents why should not you, we shall be much disappointed if you do not agree to our proposition. Just think how

I went away & left five boys for Marian to Mother and we only want your one. I know it will be hard to part with him but you will be near and it is a duty you owe to him & Azariah to keep in good health. I think I can say no more only we love you all very much lovingly Mother

The Mother has said well.
She will be a good grandmother.
Take her advice at once.
We have been to Lake Erie several times this summer, and know it's a better place than Middlefield.

Father.

Elyria, Jan. 3, 1874.

My dear Emily,

[illegible]

I expect you are brimfull of happiness over mother and baby-boy. What's his name? I would much like to see the little fellow. Have you been freezing? We have had very cold weather but I have not known about it much as I have been out but twice in a month or so. I went over to A. H's New Years for the first time in six weeks, so you see I'm not very neighborly. We are all in usual health that we have been [illegible]

Harriet wrote the other page
but did not get the opportu-
nity to finish it.
Now she sends word to you not to
be too, [illegible] of your boy if he
is a little older than hers.
She is willing to compare with
You. Ours was born two P.M. yes
terday, the 9th, weighs 8 lbs: and
seems very healthy and strong,
And the Mother is doing well
and is very happy.

Sincerely

J. D. Metcalf

Mrs G. H. Bullock
Pawtucket

My trip east was just what I needed. I had a delightful time and am so glad I went. I came home a new person. Can not you be able come east this winter, I suppose [illegible] the whole season with you. We should very glad to see you.

Are Florence and Edith better? I must stop as I want to write a line to Lizzie and it grows to be near bed-time. You know what a sleepy-head I am from experience. With much love to all up stairs and down I remain,

Most sincerely yours
Hattie H Metcalf

[illegible]

Jan 18th 1887,

Dear John and Hart.

How is the snow Hart? We have seen nothing from you this week. We were glad to see Harry. It is cold over here so much so that I have not even put my head out side the door this year as yet. I want to go down street and get some things among others some stockings for you Hart. John your stockings are a fraud they are so short. You had better turn them over to some poor little fellow and have some of decent length. They were not expensive you remember. Give them to some little colored urchin. I think your club is rather extravagant.

I believe you can board well at less money. How would it pay you if it keeps cold to buy a hind quarter of beef and then you would have good roasts, steaks & soups. Perhaps you could not eat it all. How many are there of you? It pays to buy by the quantity. Father is peacefully snoring as are also some of the rest and I think I had better do likewise. None of the rest of the family seem to suffer from any attack at least none of them have contracted any sickness as yet. We are comparatively happy. Don't work too hard and do go to bed before mid night. It will pay you in the long run.

Yours with love,

Mother.

I would write some news if I knew any.

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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

A Double Bereavement.

The memorial services of Mrs. Harriet Howes Metcalf, and of Ralph Howes Metcalf, her eldest son, occurred at the family residence, 43 West avenue, Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

Seldom has this community been called to mourn over such a sad, two-fold calamity, or one whose effects are more widely felt; and the house was crowded with the large gathering of sorrowing friends.

Mrs. Metcalf died Friday noon of a complication of pneumonia and heart trouble, at the age of forty-four. Her brief illness lasted little more than a week, beginning the night before Thanksgiving.

She was a most successful teacher in the Elyria public schools, as Miss Harriet Howes, before her marriage to Mr. I. S. Metcalf, March, 1877. And as loving Christian wife and mother ever since she entered that large family she could not be excelled. Her life speaks for her, and is her best memorial. With all her home duties, none of which she ever neglected, Mrs. Metcalf found time for much outside work, which many a less frail and delicate woman would have considered an impossibility.

Her large Sabbath School class of boys, and the Boy's Mission Junior Club which she instructed at her home on Tuesday afternoons, were present at the memorial services, and will long remember the interest and devotion which their loving teacher brought to this work, which she considered of such importance that her busy life found room for it.

Mrs. Metcalf was active in all church work, where her loss will be greatly felt. She was one of the six charter members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was organized twenty-five years ago, and held the office of vice-president at the time of her death.

It was her wish that no address should be made at her funeral—only that the Scriptures should be read, a prayer offered, and some beautiful hymns sung. Rev. E. E. Williams, her pastor, conducted the services. Three hymns were sung by a quartet consisting of Mrs. F. M. Townsend, Miss Clara Smith, Mr. Charles Pomroy and Mr. Charles Lord. The house, especially the room in which the two caskets lay, contained exquisite cut flowers in profusion, the offerings of loving friends.

Six sons were born to Mrs. Metcalf, the eldest, Ralph, having nearly reached his sixteenth birthday. He seemed to have inherited his mother's delicate constitution, and was taken Thanksgiving night with a chill. Pneumonia ensued, and he grew worse continually until his death, which occurred Monday afternoon at one o'clock.

He was a member of the Senior class in the High School, of the Boys' Historical Missionary Society, and of Miss Mary Williams' Sabbath School class, all of whom attended the funeral services in a body, carrying many flowers to brighten his last resting place.

Ralph, with his two next younger brothers, united with the Congregational church last August, and his beautiful Christian character grew continually. His death was calm and happy, with his undying love for the Saviour.

The burial took place Tuesday afternoon, being attended by only the relatives, the mother and son being placed in one grave.

Miss Ethel Metcalf arrived from Chicago Saturday morning, and will remain with her father until the latter part of the week. Mr. Harlan Metcalf arrived from Des Moines Monday night. Miss Marion Metcalf will not arrive from Hampton, Virginia, for some days, and then will come prepared to remain at home.

Officer Boyd Shot.

Edward Russell. Wilder S. Metcalf

RUSSELL & METCALF,

SUCCESSORS TO EDWARD RUSSELL,

DEALERS IN

FARM MORTGAGES AND WESTERN SECURITIES.

SAFE AND PROMPT

Send for Circulars.

Lawrence, Kans., March 16 1892

Dear folks.

Wi told me that next month he would give me a ten dollar bill besides my board. Wi has to travel around a good deal. He says, they intend to inspect every piece of property that they have anything to do with at least once a year. Last week he was in Greenwood Co three or four days, and he went there again last night to be gone the rest of the week probably. Besides Monday night he went to Topeka on business of the "Lake View Shooting and Fishing Ass." of which he is Secretary. This Ass. has just been organized and has leased a lake 5 miles west of here and will stock it with trout and are going to have it for their own amusement and keep everybody else out. The lake is an old river bed of the Kansas river.

R and M own about 75 farms I think: and then rent them for what they can get. They are all rented except a few perhaps which are worked on shares. Most of them dont any more than pay taxes and expenses if they do that. If they had a man to look after them and tend to them I should think they could

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work them so as to make it pay some. I heard Wi dictate a letter to you and Charley which sounded as if it meant something as to getting a man to tend to them.

I have heard John G. Wooley at Oberlin. He told a wonderful story of his experience. What was the entertainment of the C.E. Society? Ralph's long letter was the stuff. My washing is done with Wi's & Mary's except my shirts & collars & cuffs which I take to the landry. I have darned two stockings and shortened up the sleeves in one of those new white shirts.

I do not belong to the Choir. It is a quartette Choir. Not an extra good one either. When either the Bass or the Tenor is away Wi takes his place. He has sung Tenor two Sundays since I came, and he is much better than the regular tenor, although he is more of a Bass than a tenor isnt he. I do not teach a S.S. Class. I go in a class taught by J.G. Haskell the Architect. I go to the weekly Prayer meeting and dont take part.

Keyes, thank you for your letter. Here is a kiss for you

Well good day

Harry

REYNOLDS' CONSECUTIVE." 4 1/3

Book No.

From Henry Muirleigh Milwaukee 18

To Journal, Dec. 31, 1896 - Nov. 14 1898.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

eve, [illegible]

[illegible]

a.m. [illegible] muddy. [illegible]

[illegible]

Jan 3 Sun. Rev Milton [illegible] CC [illegible]

Text a.m. Col: 3. 3 Your life [illegible]

p.m. Mt 10:45 "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Churchill led Choir. I started in as Supt of SS on Lake Ave. Attendance 21.

warm. muddy. Miss [illegible] led CE.

Jan 4 Mon. A.M. [illegible] lot of [illegible].

[illegible] Marion & I to [illegible] for sour milk.

[illegible] A [illegible] & family went back to C. [illegible] go with them to work in Library $10 a mo. & board.

P.M. to mill for [illegible] & [illegible]

me [illegible]. [illegible] 1st [illegible]

Society meeting [illegible] Ca[illegible]

"[illegible]" [illegible]

Saw [illegible] Crowell [illegible]

Jan 5 Tues.
Cold
warmer

Petunia had calf last night.
Father rode down town.
Paid 3.00 S.S. [illegible].
Last meeting in eve. Jan 11

Jan 6 Wed.
Cold

L. Megary [illegible] to see Petunia. Drove over to West Side to see [illegible] Carlin about calf. Sawed wood at home. Meeting in eve. Marion led, very good. Told story of her own conversion. She had been wishing to be a Christian but did not know how. The verse "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name I will do it" came home to her. She thot "I have asked God to make me a Christian and I am one" and she got up in a meeting and said that she was. Father wrote several letters and brot them out for Marion to add a word. He told in the letters about his heart trouble.

Jan 7 Thurs.
Still
warmer

Used Petunia's milk at house. Our [illegible] gives no milk. Father rides to town every morning. Can't walk much. P.M. banked up the house a little. [illegible] brot load of wood.

Prayer meet. (J. Schaible leading) and teachers meetg.

Friday Jan 8.
Separated corn & turf.
warmer Got 150 lb bran at mill, balance of what father payed for long ago. P.M. worked some on debate. Geo. brot 2 loads of wood.
Lincoln Club. Eli & I debate. Resolved that lawyer justified in defending a client he knows to be guilty as charged.
Was appointed chairman Program Com.

Sat Jan 9 Ralph's birthday.
warmer A.M. put wood in cellar.
fair P.M. Father, Eli & I went to the woods.
thawing Joe Stocking took away colt. paid 50 cents for it. Eve. delivered SS invitations for Marion. Choir meetg.
Go home on eve. train.

Sun. Jan 10. Rabbits making nest
warm Not go to Church. SS. Marions resignation as
still being assistant supt. Fern Smith told her stories
good road. about F. Limmas. [illegible] C.E.
Ch. Eve. Prof. [illegible] on [illegible] of blessings. 1) Life itself 2) Home [illegible] [illegible] 3) the Gospel. Sent the Faith to Emmanuel. Closing hymn "Abide with me."

Mon. Jan 11. Father walked down town rode back.
colder — Sawed a little w. buck saw.
blowing — P.M. to woods, piled up the wood we
and snow — left on ground last Saturday finished
that tree.
Eve. Prayer meeting. Rev. Foley led.
8 o'clock. Program com. of [illegible]
[illegible] met at our house till 10:30.
Joe back to Oberlin on early train this a.m.

Tues. Jan 12.
fair — Father rode down walked back.
thawing in sun — Sawed split & piled wood at home
cold in eve. — a.m. and p.m.
Meeting in eve. Harry Freeman walked home
with me. Said he had started to be a Xian
and that it was all through my interest (many [illegible])

Wed Jan 13.
Woodpile fell down in cellar. Fixed
it and sawed & split some.
Harriet Delaplaine to dinner. Harriet
Lizzie DeWitt up to Emmetts. Went
to woods in p.m. Eve. home.
Mormon spoke at Miss. Mtg at
[illegible] p.m. Nat went to
Collinwood.

Thurs Jan 14.

growing warmer

Annual Mtg Sewing Ch.
A.M. sewed old carpet to make horse blanket.
p.m. wood pile at home. Eve. Annual mtg. of Church. Father rode to it. Teachers' mtg. Mr. Cadmus formally accepts.

Fri Jan 15

warm fair

Horse loose in barn last night.
Wasted much time. Wood pile some.
Eli helps very much in care of [illegible].
Petunia does well, gives good mess of milk. kicks not much.
In eve. called on John Tite. Prayer mtg. Minch Standen led. Lincoln club. Gates came home with us after club. Nel returned from Collinwood. May [illegible] is [illegible] for [illegible]

Sat. Jan 16

warm cloudy

A.M. wood pile at home. I saw. Eli & Nel split.
p.m. [illegible], Eli, [illegible], and I went to woods
Eve. Choir mtg.

Sun. Jan 17.

stormy cleared off & clouded up again several times Thunder shower [illegible]

Morning service. Prof [illegible] Phil. 4:8 "Think on these things" subj. "Good Thinking"
S.S. [illegible] & Tite back in S.S. 7 boys present.
Secy report for last quarter of last year.
Max. attend. 276 average 228
Did not go to Lake Ave. on acc't of [illegible] [illegible]. Mr. Stocking spoke at jail. was here to dinner. 9 male folks went to jail. no ladies. C.E. mtg. led by Salv. Army.

Capt [illegible] & wife. Invited the Choir to G. Richs surprise party. Called on Penniman (sick a-bed with malaria) after evening service. Then to Salv. Army.
Marion went to Ridgeville in eve.
Elvira Quar. met at C. [illegible] at 2 p.m.

Mon Jan 18 Coal oil bbl filled
After driving down town w. father, went around & invited rest of choir.
Piled wood. P.M. shelled corn.
Father went to Ridgeville to Farmers Inst.
Eve. Social Committee. Personal Mr [illegible] and met Father at 9:30.

much colder evening

Tues Jan 19
Colt. Worked a good deal over George Party. Got some corn ground in the p.m. 5 bushels or so.
Party a great success, the choir turned out in full force. Bed 12 strike.
Geo. completely surprised.

Wed. 20.
warmer Took laundry to [illegible] [illegible].
snow- P.M. Pick over apples in cellar-
thawing eve. Concert. Mozart Symphony [illegible]
at night

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Thurs. 21 San [illegible] to [illegible]

colder — [illegible] [illegible]. Minnie came back, her mother turned her out of the house. Wood pile. SS lesson awhile after dinner. Skated to town on ice walk in eve. Quartet practice 1. Christian mtg.

Fri 22

wind snow — Father had a chill at 5 a.m., about waked up a little more than usual [illegible]. Was up to breakfast & rode to town. Got money from Chinaman $1.50. P.M. to wood [illegible]. Eve, home. Played Geog. cards. [illegible]. E.W. & wife home from Clifton Springs in p.m.

Sat 23

Colder 12° in a.m. — Aunt Anna had stroke of paralasis at 7 a.m. Took Father & Marion down there and did errands w. horse & buggy all the a.m. P.M. chopped corn fodder etc. Choir mtg.

Aunt Anna died 10 p.m.

Sun. 24.

cold snow much 8 or 10 in. colder, says[illegible] — Currier preach. Dan. 6:10 Windows open toward Jerusalem. We should have windows for our souls, to let in good influences from 1) nature 2) books, 3) home life 4) religion. "Life-time open." If we keep our windows closed we are like a miser who having great wealth lives in squalor & starve our souls.

At St. Hall [illegible] said her gloves were [illegible] from her pocket at [illegible] last Sunday.
[illegible] to take [illegible] account of [illegible] and [illegible]. C.E. [illegible] (?)
[illegible] [illegible] date.
Commun. text [illegible] "Let not your heart be troubled (1) believe in God (2) believe also in me." (1) in God. not an intellectual belief but trust in God as our father. Many have a secret unrecognised unbelief. The Psalms full of genuine trust in God. Tonics to faith. Ps. 20, 23, 91. According as we believe in the [illegible] of God as a father will be our peace. "Thou wilt keep etc."
(2) also in me.
(a) only by faith in X is faith in God perfected & sustained. Light is a symbol of God. but light must have a medium. [illegible] is a [illegible] of God. That must be expressed by a word. X is the word
(b) faith in X changes our relation w God. enemies — reconciled. guilt — forgiveness. sin — redemption.
(c) only faith in X realizes Power of Holy Spirit. "He that believeth in me the works that I do etc"
Only by faith in God can you have tranquillity. If you would have a sustaining faith in God you must believe in X.

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Mon. 25

colder A.M. ...
10° below ... took ...
a.m. ... rest of ...
Uncle E.M. ...
P.M. ...
Shelled ...
Eve. Quar...

The Coldest Weather.

The following records were furnished by Observer Goodspeed and are a true reading of the self-registering government thermometer at this station. The coldest registered here was as follows:

January 7th,	1887	....	15 Below zero.
January 21st,	1888	....	6 " "
February 24th,	1889	....	4 " "
January 1st,	1890	....	9 Above zero.
February 6th,	1891	....	6 " "
January 9th,	1892	....	12 Below zero.
January 13th,	1893	....	7 " "
December 28th,	1894	....	2 " "
February 5th,	1895	....	7 " "
January 4th,	1896	....	3 " "
January 25th,	1897	....	16 " "
January 26th,	"	....	13 " "
January 27th,	"	....	1 " "
January 28th,	"	....	3 " "

Sixteen degrees below zero was the coldest ever recorded by the weather observer here. The above are facts, although Mr. Goodspeed has been quoted for all kinds of below zero weather. At 8 a.m. this morning the temperature was one degree below zero.

Tues 26.

cold — Aunt Anna's funeral ...
A & A here. DeWitt Gaylord.
Quartette practice in eve.

Wed 27

cold — Hydrant ... can get no water from it. It will have to be dug up. McCormick the plumber came up to see it.
snow some. — Copied some music.
In p.m. pump in kitchen froze & it took ... and 2 hours or so to thaw it out.
Eve. Quartette prac. at Phillips ... not there.
Geo. P. gave me a box of salve for my foot.
Skinned my face a little driving under apple tree today.

Thurs 28

colder, snow — Copied music ... until 11 a.m. at store.
P.M. marked ... reading ...
... corn-stalks ... Shelled corn little.
Frank Vincent at Prayer Mtg.
Teachers Mtg. Called at ...
... mtg.

[illegible] Jesus [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to take [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] "Let not your heart be troubled: (1) believe in God (2) believe also in me." (1) in God. not an intellectual belief but trust in God as our father. Many have a secret unrecognized unbelief. The Psalms full of [illegible] trust in God. [illegible] to faith. Ps. [illegible], 23, 91. According as we believe in this care of God as a father will be our peace. "Thou wilt keep etc"

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(c) only faith in X [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] Spirit. "He that believeth in me the works that I do [illegible]"

Only by faith in God can you have [illegible]. If you would have a sustaining faith [illegible] you must believe in X.

DITCH NOTICE.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Lorain County, Ohio, January 18, 1897.

In the matter of the county ditch improvement No. 149, petitioned for by S. J. Butman to J. M. Vincent, of Baltimore, Md.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1897, S. J. Butman and others filed a petition with the Auditor of said County, the substance and prayer of which said petition is, that there exists a necessity for the widening and deepening of a ditch and prays for the making of such improvement on the following route and termini, to-wit, commencing at a point on south side of town line road between Sheffield and Elyria townships, and on the line between land owned by Samuel J Butman and Henry Norton, in lot 2, Newbury tract, or on the line between lots two and three in Newbury tract, in said Elyria township, and on the south line of said town line road. Thence south on the line between said Butman and Norton, about thirty rods to the south [illegible] Butman's land. Thence west of

[illegible]ELAND WEEKLY LEADER.

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Mon. 25

[illegible] A.M. [illegible]
+ took Miss [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] mittens.
Uncle E.W. and Irving here.
P.M. [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] & Escape" till 2.
Shelled corn. Black cow had chill.
Eve. Quartette [illegible] [illegible]

Tues 26.

[illegible] [illegible]
A & C here. DeWitt [illegible].
Quartette [illegible]

Wed 27

[illegible] from it. [illegible]
the [illegible]
Copied some music.
In p.m. [illegible]
and [illegible] 2 [illegible]
Eve Quartette [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] not there
Geo. ? gave me a box of salve for my foot.
Skinned my face a little driving under apple tree today.

Thurs 28

[illegible] music [illegible] 11 a.m. at store.
P.M. [illegible]
[illegible] corn [illegible]. Shelled corn [illegible]
Frank Vincent at [illegible] Mtg.
[illegible] Mtg. Called at [illegible]
[illegible]

Fri. Jan. 29th 1897. Father's birthday 75 yrs. old

[illegible] Then I drove down town with Father & went to 9:10 train to meet Annie but she did not come. [illegible] pres. at 11:00 at shoe store. shell some corn. [illegible] brought load of wood. Eve. home, had a slight sore throat. Eli had a critique at Lincoln Club Mock trial.

Sat 30

[illegible] A.M. started to dig up [illegible] Ground frozen about [illegible] inches deep.
P.M. [illegible] to woods, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] rode into woods in cutter. Geo. hauled a load.
[illegible] all the week.
Eve. Choir mtg. Choir talked of having a sleigh ride to Dover next Monday night [illegible] home in eve.
Bought pair mittens leather. .25

Sun 31

10 [illegible] in early a.m. Thawing in middle of day. Bright sun.

Only 2 boys at S.S. [illegible] Lake Ave. rode out on old bob sled. picked up [illegible] Young & he went out with me.
C.E. Exec. Com. meetg at 4:45
Currier preached in a.m. on "His mother made him a little coat from year to year" etc.
In p.m. on [illegible] with unveiled face [illegible]

Mon. Feby 1

warm — [illegible] went back to Oberlin early train.

[illegible] — Wood-[illegible] some. Chopped bones for chicken.

[illegible] practices at 3:45 and 7:30 PM

Hair cut Wynnes — — .15

Called on [illegible] in kitchen, Soapstones.

Tues 2 — [illegible] day. [illegible] Endeavor [illegible].

warm [illegible] — A.M. put wood down cellar.

p.m. [illegible] funeral of [illegible] Wright

[illegible] took [illegible] place. Rev. [illegible]

preached: Plain talk on saloon question.

Finished digging up hydrant.

[illegible] practice 6:30

[illegible] .05

[illegible] .10

Wed 3.

warm. — Piled wood down cellar in a.m.

snow [illegible] — P.m. Plummer fixed hydrant. Filled in the dirt again.

Eve. Magazine [illegible] [illegible].

Father has attack of [illegible]

Doctor here all night. [illegible]

[illegible]

Thurs 4.

[illegible] — [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Eve [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]. [illegible]

the [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

Fri. Feby 5 1897

warm rain hard at 10 p.m.

Met Mrs. Parmelee of Turkey and her daughter Ruth (11 yrs) at 9 oclock train. They here to dinner. She spoke at Miss. mtg at Mrs Sanfords house. Took Lizzie LeWitt a bus. potatoes 40 ct. Nelson & Eugene Bell went with me. Wood pile some.
Eve. Lincoln Club. Mock trial.

Sat. Feb 6

rain all last night and sleighing

Picked over all the apples in the little cellar etc. [illegible] (Took them) Mudford & Arnold delivered 1110 lbs bran. Choir mtg.

Sun. Feb 7

warm slippery

Communion service. Currier. Henry Bremer joined church. New boy in SS class Nelli Roe. Everard went to Lake Ave for me. Eli did chores, I went to Pickle in Dunville. sang 5 pieces, entertained at J. T. Robinson

Mon Feby 8

colder. roads splendid for wheeling

Took grist 4 bus corn to Rauklin's mill P.M. wood pile. Father split some Eve. Personal Work Class. Marion led.

Tue. 9.

co[illegible]

Got crosscut saw back from Geo he had it on Mack [illegible] new.

[illegible] coming home.
Eli & [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] after school,
Home in eve. Read from Life of Christ,
[illegible] had her [illegible] Essay "Sanitation"

Wed. 10.
Home all day & eve, | [illegible] [illegible] | Wood pile.
"Papers" in eve.
Saw a robin today

Thurs. 11th
Finished up all the wood there was [illegible].
[illegible] & Father rode to Oberlin.
Dr Sherwood led pr. mtg, [illegible] [illegible].
Stopped in at Catholic Ch on way home, big
crowd. Lectures to non-catholics.

Fri. 12th. Lincolns birthday.
a.m. stood in line 1 hr for seats at Watterson
lecture. Piled wood.
p.m. Went to woods alone. [illegible] [illegible].
Eve. Lincoln Club extempore program,
Geneva Johnstone Bishop at our Church.

Sat 13. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
a. m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] to woods. [illegible]
big [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible].

Sunday Feb. 14 1897

[illegible]'s first Sunday, He is our valentine. Church very full. beautiful flowers, roses, callas. etc. Choir sang "Brightest & best of the sons of the morning" Text Rom 8:17 "If so be that we suffer with him that we may be also glorified with him". Host of boys in S.S. Cadmus made splendid talk to S.S.

[illegible] Ave, 16 [illegible] no organist. [illegible] M.E. [illegible] for me, Annual Mtg C.E. [illegible]. I was elected Pres.

Eve. Sermon, I Cor 2:2. good [illegible]. Protect us through coming night.

[illegible] & clear warm, thawing [illegible]

Mon. Feb. 15

thawing

[illegible] a.m. took butter to [illegible], then [illegible] to [illegible] Rich's to cut ice. cut from Geo's pond in a.m. and from [illegible] p.m.

Eve. [illegible] wk class. [illegible] bed.

Baptists & Methodists have had revival since wk of prayer

Tues. 16

Cutting ice. Geo's to dinner.

F Freeman, Walter Hadaway & I worked at ice, [illegible]. Will [illegible]rome and Mr. Walton packed. [illegible] in p.m.

Eve. Henry Watterson's lecture on Abraham Lincoln.

thawed much, sunshine

Wed Feb 17

very warm Not a thing [illegible]

<u>a.m.</u> [illegible] Florence <u>Putnam</u> came from Oberlin. She is going home giving up college course on acct of her deafness,

<u>p.m.</u> went to call on ministers to talk about suppressing an <u>immoral show</u>. did not find them at home. saw <u>Norrie Thayer</u>, just out of work-house, where he was sent for cruel treatment of horse probably when he was drunk. I wrote to him and sent him "Daily Bread" as New Years present. Wrote notes to 3 of the ministers.

<u>eve.</u> Took Mr Benton down to <u>Lake Ave</u>. C.E. mtg. 3 there besides us.

Geo + May Rich here to supper.

Geo + Father annual settlement.

Thurs. 18.

spring & maple [illegible]

a.m. got my <u>watch</u> fr. Bickford $1 25

Wrote up secy report C E union.

p.m. cleaned <u>[illegible]</u>.

Eve. prayer meeting. [illegible]. Father spoke about show pictures. [illegible] replied. [illegible] + Florence Putnam went to hear the <u>Bell ringers</u>

<u>[illegible]</u>

Fri. Feb 19 97.

Mild [illegible]

a.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lot.

shelled corn, studied S.S. lesson

p.m. Took whipped cream to Penniman (been sick all the year)

Went to woods alone, split wood.

Eve. Lincoln club.

3 Robins. Bluebird. perhaps also Song Sparrow.

Sat 20.

rain

a.m. took grist of corn to [illegible] mill

[illegible] & I started to woods but roads so bad we only went to [illegible] & got the saw.

Studied S.S. lesson.

p.m. Sang at funeral of Mrs. Andrew Tout. Mr. Cadman.

Robins

Dug some parsnips, salsify, leeks & celery

Roy Foley came & talked about C.E. while we [illegible] shoes!!

Chains. got prescription for [illegible] at [illegible]

Sun. 21

Cloudy, snowing in eve.

a.m. Sermon, Cadman. Josh. 5: 12

"The manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land."

Ten boys in S.S. class. Geo Carter & Jno [illegible].

All but Legier and Roe.

Walked to Lake Ave. taught class of little girls

Miss [illegible] taught Bible class. Stayed to supper at Chas. Miller's. Led Y.P.S.C.E. mtg. Talk w. [illegible] [illegible]. Walk home. Feel all well from [illegible] out.

Mon. Feby. 22 Washington Birthday

cloudy, warm

a.m. patched my rubber boots, Net & Florence making nut cakes for Fortnightly which Net & Bess Haines entertain this p.m.

p.m. Sang at funeral of Mrs. M. M. Todd at Meth. Ch. Then called on Penniman. He was down stairs. Sewed buttons 5 on my pants.

Eve. home.

Robins [illegible] Probably same one stays around here. Seldom hear 2 at once.

Tues. 23

clearer, colder, very windy at night.

Brought home sugar from store and some old pictures from Lizzie DeVitts. Grace Gaylord there.

Read up on Lincoln for my Lincoln club paper.

Eve. at home. "The paper" Washington Birthday edition Candy.

Marion went to Cleveland today to see Hampton troupe.

Wed. 24

clear, colder, froze solid

a.m. took Marion & Florence to 11:27 train to [illegible]. [illegible] to pack up for home. Marion to get things for [illegible] & Carrie who are going to housekeeping at Talladega.

Some one moving into parsonage.

p.m. chop stalks. Shell corn. Lincoln paper.

Eve. [illegible] & Marion to Chapel to supper, C.E. business mtg. flatted out. Eli & I stopped at Meth. Ch. Revival mtg.

Thurs. Feb 25 1897

calm, snow squalls

a.m. worked on Lincoln essay.

p.m. Father and I to [illegible]!

Folks on our road [illegible] [illegible] done on [illegible] path.

Eve. prayer mtg "[illegible] [illegible] generation"

[illegible] meeting.

Christian Citizenship Committee meeting.

Fri. 26

colder, snow squalls

Wrote Lincoln paper all day.

read it at Club in eve.

Elbert Hurts came home with me after club and I turned over to him the Secy. & Treas. books of C.E. [illegible].

Sent Express bundle to John. Amer. Ex. Co.

Dec. [illegible] [illegible] sadwood.

Sat. 27 cold in bed.

cold clear.

a.m. put wood in cellar. study S.S.

p.m. [illegible] [illegible] to woods. Geo. hauled big load.

eve. Choir, new [illegible]. Joe came home.

Sunday 28

cold. snow some

a.m. Communion, Phil. 2:13 [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Pastor spoke [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] called

next meeting.

p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. John [illegible] came back

with me to [illegible] C.E. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]. Eve. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mon. March 1st 1897 — [illegible] went back

(margin: warmer, sprinkle, no freeze at night)

a.m. Met Miss [illegible] Walker at train. Missionary girl from Oberlin. Spoke to boys & girls in chapel at 3:30 p.m.

p.m. To woods alone. [illegible] Hadaway to tap trees on shares.

Eve. Called on Carl [illegible], Chas [illegible], Will [illegible], Ogden Rae and [illegible]. Talked with Mr [illegible] about Sunday closing.

Tues. Mar. 2.

(margin: warm, snow, much, 4 in.)

[illegible] appeared.

[illegible] Globe Clothing Co | [illegible] 60

[illegible] collar | 20

Picked out potatoes, apples [illegible] parsnips, salsify, turnips etc. to take to [illegible].

Eve. C.E. Business meeting. 18 present. I was Secy pro tem.

[illegible] for [illegible] | 25

Wed. 3

(margin: rained last night, snow all gone, turned cold.)

Took load to Oberlin. started 9 a.m. Oberlin 11:30 home 2:15 to 4:30 Baby not well, but could tell what a cow says, also sheep, cat, dog, goose duck.

Eve. home.

Thurs 4. Inauguration day. [illegible]

(margin: clear, warm)

Worked at wood pile.

[illegible] "good" Prayer for the new administration [illegible] a great [illegible]. 26 men [illegible] his [illegible]

village in Vt. enlisted in war. The mothers wives and sisters formed a praying band to pray God to take care of them. Their regiment left Burlington, forced marching night & day for 7 days, arrived at Gettysburg evening of first day of battle, were in the fight 3 days and then in Pickett's charge. All 26 returned home safe and without a scratch. Brethren meeting.
There is much talk about Aunt Annie's will; not leaving Jennie Hall anything.
Robin. Bluebird.

Mar. 5. Fr. Ethel's birthday.

rain hard in a.m.

a.m. To Geo. Kirk's to get saw, axes & feed cutter sharpened. Two Song Sparrows singing in the rain. Goldfinch singing.
p.m. pick over apples.
eve. Lincoln club.
Lee Ray called at 63

Mar. 6. Sat.

Mud fearful

a.m. [illegible] at home.
p.m. [illegible] Father & Sh. to woods. Bluebird 15
eve. Grace invited
Chair mtg. New platform in front. Affairs. [illegible]
[illegible] musicians.

Sund Mar 7. We took our Amaryllis to Church as it blossoms out.

[illegible]

a.m. not at Ch., stud. S.S.

fair. All my S.S. boys present but Frank Dunn. Teachers meeting after S.S. I was behind. Rode to Lake Ave 23 present. Song Sparrow.
C. E. Mtg. Eve. Service. Temperance address by Pastor. [illegible] choir in front on new platform.

Mon Mar. 8
rain in p.m. thunder
a.m. took clothes to washerwoman. Looked up material for temperance meeting. Not went to Oberlin.
p.m. split wood.
Eve. Quartette practice. Called on Estes.

Tues. Mar 9.
very warm. rain.
Great bird wave. Many robins. Ike saw 7 [illegible] together. Before have not seen but two at once. Meadow Lark. Blackbirds numerous.
a.m. called on Uncle Elisha for temperance statistics.
p.m. monkeyed. Steuel brought 2 bbl sugar.
mended rubber boot again.
eve. Program Com. of Club at Thomas's.
Minnie Cline here.
Eli & Nat went to Woods. Ground nut abundant.
Hepaticas budded.

Wed. Mch 10
fair warm
a.m. called on F. E. Elmer, Co. Treas. office, Clayton Chapman, Levi Morse.
p.m. split wood some. made cover for pork crock. filled up hole to hydrant.
Eve. Levi Morse & Lizzy Jones

Thurs March 11 [illegible]

fair warm — a.m. Took [illegible] to Louise Smith
[illegible] & Marion went to Surprise Dinner
Party, Aunt Albinas 50th Wedding Anniversary
p.m. shell corn some.
eve. after prayer mtg practised song for
C.E. Temperance Meeting.

Fri. Mch 12

turning windy, cloudy, colder. — took grist of corn to Rumblings
Monkeyed making box trap.
Studied on C E Topic. Express Jo's coat.
Eli set out some onions. Crocuses out.
Lincoln Club. 10 present. Eli gave Current events.
Old house of Olitts burned last night

Sat 13

cold night fair [illegible] — a.m. [illegible] saw at home.
p.m. all [illegible] of us to woods Ike walked up.
eve. home.
Saw Sparrows, Meadow Larks, Robins, Blue birds
[illegible] tapped [illegible] at wood lot on shares.

Sunday 14

[illegible] windy — did not go to church. S.S. Lake Ave. Roy [illegible]
went down with me. He lead C.E. meeting
at Lake Ave. and I on River Road.
Supper at Nortons. [illegible]
Marion went to jail meeting where
Newcombe and [illegible] spoke.

Mon. 15. fair. cold.
a.m. split wood. Letter from J. [illegible]
p.m. Sang at funeral old Mrs. [illegible]

March

Cora Baker called at 43.
eve. Practise temperance song at Nevins' then
Quartette at Philbett's office.

Tues. 16 Fair. cold. Heard a Mourning Dove
a.m. rode over to WAMS Co to see [illegible].
split wood. p.m. to woods alone. swung
mall for 2 1/2 hrs. Many birds.
Robins abundant. Woodpeckers hairy, Nuthatch,
One Red Breasted Nuthatch, Song Sparrows,
Meadow Larks. Bluebird one, small flock
of Crow Blackbirds Redwings and Cowbirds
at Geo. Rich's (went there to get him to haul manure.
Think I heard some Cedar birds.
Eve Quartette practise.

Wed 17. Rain in p.m. cold a.m.
Geo. Rich came to haul manure and
plow south strip of garden.
Bought new dung fork (didn't pay for it) 50
Father went to Auditors office to get sta-
tistics for me for temperance meeting.
eve. practise at Nevins'.
Marion went of Lake Breeze to Missionary Mtg.

[illegible]

Thurs. 18 warm. drizzly. clearing some in p.m.
a.m. helped Geo. Rich take 2 cows to Pember's.
P.M. statistics. Heard Mourning Dove.
eve. Quartette. not prayer mtg.
Leadingham has a teaching job "in sight" for
me at Honolulu.

Fri 19 very warm. rain.
Heard a male Chewink in grove and found
him by following the sound. Mourning Dove

Fri. Mar. 19. 1897.
a.m. took [illegible] parsnips to town to sell.
[illegible] [illegible] all day tinkering.
p.m. statistics.
Eve. Quartette sang at Concert benefit
of Choir at Ridgeville. Harry Marshall
complimented me.
Answered Leadingham's letter. said I might consider
favorably.

Sat 20. fair, warm. April shower at sunset
then clear off again.
Sang at Mrs. Patterson's funeral. Quartette.
Eli & Ike went to West woods for Fairy Shrimps
but it is too late.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] statistics [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible].

Sunday 21. fair. warm. [illegible]
[illegible] Lake Ave, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible].
Got off my statistics [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] at C.E. Temperance meeting [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] to Lake Ave. C.E. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Unity.

Mon. 22. warm. showers in A.M. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of grove.
Cleared away broken part of semi-
circle arbor. Kinglets in grove.
Quartette 8 p.m.

Tues 23. colder. snow-rain then warmer
Flock of Cedar Waxwings.

March

Dug some parsnips & washed them.
Wrote report of C.E. jail Committee.
C.E. business meeting & social
and Quartette practice in eve.

Wed. 24. little rain. very stormy. snow squalls.
Tried to sell a basket of parsnips & could not.
shelled corn. got sack Graham flour 1.25
New kitchen girl. Rose Howe.
Monkeyed with Harold's microscope in eve.

Thurs. 25 colder. mud. ground white with snow.
Whipped carpet etc. Nelson fainted in school.
Went over West side for a woman to clean house.
Prayer mtg. & Teachers mtg. Mary W. here
from Wellington & went back again.

Fri. 26. fair cold a.m. snow some eve.
dug parsnips. drew team for father Monday
p.m. helped [illegible] move furniture from
DeWitts. union Ex Eli Wells & [illegible]
Nevins [illegible]. Saw Chippy.

Sat. 27 fair cold cloudy in p.m.
Helping [illegible]. move DeWitt stuff.
Lizzie moved up to our house
stomach ache again from lifting. had
it before last fall. Bed 6 p.m.
May's home eve. train

Sun. 28 fair spring
Up at 10.30. May taught my
S.S. class. lay around all day. Dr.
Sherwood said I pretty near had a
rupture.

Monday Mar. 29 1897 fair; springy.
Ibe back to O. Eli do chores & help Ira at DeWitts. Vacation
Working at Harmony of Gospels.
Made chop sticks for "Little Helpers" Chinese Tea.
Isaac Bigford paid me Saturday 50
Ohio Liquor Laws 15
Tues. 30 fair beau' day
a.m. finished packing books at W.W.
Eli hauled wood & coal from there home
p.m. Eli & I took books to depot 3 boxes for Oberlin Library. Eli worked all day hauling stuff. I worked on Harmony of Gospels. Eve home.
Wed 31 fair
a.m. took 10 bu. seed potatoes to Bartlos 75 cts bu.
p.m. cleaning up truck. Eli waited on table at chapel supper. Tickets at 25 in eve.
Thurs. April 1st fair. chill wind
Eli & Ibe walked to Oberlin
Met Mrs C.A. Clark (Hattie Gulick) & her 2 sons at depot & took them to Aunt Albina's. shelled corn for a grist. Sang at funeral of old Chas. Brown. I have to tell Teachers mtg.
[illegible]
Fri. 2 clouding up. wind.
a.m. took [illegible]

[illegible] load of apple limbs from Hill lot for [illegible] wood. [illegible] apples [illegible] around [illegible].
[illegible] Fuller Kyes [illegible] & I to wood lot orchard trimming trees & burning brush.
Worden boy bro't out 1 jug & 2 glass jars of maple syrup our share.
Eli & I [illegible] from Oberlin afoot 3 p.m.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Throat sore.
Letter from Leon Flint. Phoebe

Sat 3 . fair [illegible] .. [illegible] Juncos
a.m. Eli & I to Wood lot. Eli hauled load of wood & then came up & helped trim trees.
[illegible] Nelson & Marion [illegible]. Robin building
p.m. 12 bu. potatoes in 6 [illegible].
Net went to Oberlin to stay couple months.
Eli & [illegible] tired from yesterdays walk.

Sun 4 sprinkle in a.m. clear off [illegible] night.
Church [illegible] with [illegible]. Communion.
Lake Ave. Smithsons there, attendance 14.
C.E. Church.

Mon 5 threatening. City Election.
School begin
Nelson promoted
a.m. saw [illegible] Sparrows breeding
p.m. trim trees, [illegible] [illegible].
eve. program committee at [illegible], [illegible]

Tues. 6 threatening. Robin building in old wren box
a.m. carried ashes out of cellar filled wagon.
p.m. hauled ashes to Hill lot.
eve. home. S.S. [illegible].

Wed. 7. threatening.
Finished ashes, put the rest in orchard.

Thursday April 8. 1897. cloudy. cool. rain at eve.
Dug leeks and parsnips.
Read "Titus".
Prayer meeting and teachers meeting
Father stayed to church committee mtg. Cadmus
wanted free seats & committee voted it.
Friday 9. snowing. ground covered. windy
not freezing. Picked over few apples
in cellar. Chopped much corn fodder
shelled some corn.
eve. Lincoln Club I had critique.
Election of officers. President, Thomas.
Sat 10 pretty fair. snow all melted in p.m.
a.m. Eva & I worked for Lincoln Club. Move up
stairs. p.m. took 10 bus. potatoes of Curtis
32 bus. in all so far. Then pick over apples in
cellar. Kids shell beans. Eve. home.
Sun. 11 stormy: snow.
a.m. Cadmus preached on "Free seats"
and "Every day Church" Deut 12:5-6
and Mark 14:49
Only 4 boys in S.S.
Went to jail meeting instead of Lake Ave.
To Miss Sears' to ask her to lead a
Sunrise Meeting on Easter.
C.E. Mtg. Missionary program
Union Temperance Mtg in our Ch.
Mrs. Plumb & Revs Fowell & Cadmus
Mon 12. pretty fair weather.
a.m. trim trees. p.m. wasted copying
music. Pitched Rubicon. Eve practiced Rein.

April

Ike to Oberlin on 5 ocl. train.

Tues. 13 warmer. south wind. rain at eve.

Keyes birthday. Ike home early train.

a.m. Shelled corn (with Gene Bell)

p.m. to mill. burned brush.

eve. meeting at Chapel Passion week. Preacher Nevins'

Wed. 14 colder. cloudy.

trim trees. Ike has Pink Eye.

Purple Martin 1.

Thurs. 15 warmer. fair. 2 Purple Martins

1. Ruby Crowned Kinglet. heard him sing

& came out of barn to see who he was.

Finally saw his crown flash in the

sunlight. Ike went to woods in a.m.

Trim trees. P.M. to Geo. Rich's

help get apples out of cellar.

Prayer mtg & teachers mtg. Ike saw Winter Wren

Church voted unanimously for Free Seats.

Fri. 16 local showers colder. wind S.W.

a.m. hauled manure w. G. Rich. one load from Kelsey's to hill lot. 2 from Geo's barn yard.

p.m. cut up apple limbs.

eve. Lincoln Club.

G.C. Kinglet abundant.

Sat. 17 cold. stormy. Robins nest 3 eggs in old

Wren box see April 6. Brown creeper goes spirally up

tree trunk. always flies to foot of tree. R.C. Kinglets

song reminds me of Vireo. G.C. Kinglets.

a.m. Looked up S.S. boys. Crandall Vance Young

Tito & Booker with boxes.

p.m. shell beans with kids. Cleared off at night.

Sunday [illegible] Easter. Clear beautiful, frosty morning. South wind warming up.
Sunrise Meeting 6 a.m.
Went to church & could not find a seat all full went to Methodist. S.S. all boys present except [illegible]. New boy Art Tendriw. Lakeview, only 8 present. Called at Frank Luther on way back. C.E. not Ch.
[illegible] here in eve.
Swallows (barn I think) Kinglets G.C. & R.C.

Father sick in the night

Mon. 19 colder [illegible] wind. fair somewhat.
Cut down cherry tree in front yard.

Tues. 20. very hard frost. fair.
a.m. cut up cherry tree. Lizzie W.N. to Cleveland
p.m. Father & I to wood lot. Trim hedge.
Kinglets both kinds. Chewink.
White-throated Sparrows several. whistle.
Robin's nest 2 eggs in Fulton pear tree.
Eve. C.E. business mtg. & Extension social.

Met here: to Tolmie's [illegible] back to [illegible]

Wed 21 warm. fair.
a.m. Bureau of Lizzie's from freight depot. Mend fence behind barn. Manure the asparagus bed
p.m. Father & I to wood lot. Father spread manure & piled up hedge brush & grubbed up young poplars
eve. First Cong. Society plans for new [illegible] Church and free pews. Quartette practice at [illegible]
Lincoln Club program [illegible] Gardners room.
Swallows, Brown Creeper. White throated Spar.
R.C. Kinglets [illegible] while [illegible] - [illegible] acres

apl.

Thurs. 22 Apl. 27 fair. warmest day yet. summer like.
White crowned sparrow, Juncos. Chimney swifts.
Spread manure at hill lot all day.
Prayer mtg & teachers mtg. Marion has pink-eye.
Lu Twiss Shepard died of Pneumonia
Hair cut ~~borrowed of Eli~~ 15

Fri 23 fair warm. heavy shower in evening.
Buds starting on apple trees. a.m. dug rocks
p.m. to funeral of Lu Shepard. Mary Hart here to attend ". Coal oil bbl. filled.
eve. Lincoln club.

Sat 24 fair warm 80° House Wrens here.
Geo. Rich here hauled manure and finished plowing the garden. Planted potatoes 5 rows on south west side of south strip.
Eli & Fay to south woods in a.m. got White adder tongue, White Trillium, Red Trillium. Cucularia both kinds.
Jack in the Pulpit Buttercups. Rue Anemone, Bitter cresses
Eve. home. S.S. lesson. Lizzie back again.

Sun 25. Rain.
apple leaves half grown. Vireos several
cherry blossoms beginning.
Cadmus preached on Institutional Church!! S.S. discourage"
Afternoon at home. Gates & Roy called at 5. "Tenth Legion"
Consecration mtg. Evening sermon on Abraham.

Mon 26 changeable. cooler. Bluets & Dandelions in pasture
1 Baltimore Oriole male 1 Yellow Warbler
Purple Finches small flock males & females.
White Throated sparrows G.C. Kinglets
a.m. Plant potatoes in garden N.W. part S. Strip.
p.m. Plant peas N.E. part S strip.
Bride has a great ambition on bells.

April 1897

Tues 27 fair, fine. Father has terrible lame back Lumbago. Got up at 7 o'clock. can hardly move.

Baltimore oriole, yellow warbler

Planted early beets, peas, beans & sweet corn in E and N strip.

Eve. to [illegible] till [illegible] half [illegible].

Invisible practice. Cora [illegible] goes home sick

Wed 28 fair. warmer. Wood Thrush singing

Father little better. up early, rode down town.

a.m. [illegible]

p.m. mend fence at wood lot.

eve. L.C. [illegible] Com. [illegible] Invisible practice

[illegible] Revised Statutes.

Cows on pasture [illegible] p.m. Beets & carrots all gone.

Thurs. 29 Cloudy. warm. Bobwhite. Cat bird. White thr't sparrow.

mend fence all day. [illegible] p.m. Father went up & sowed Alsyke seed and walked back.

Eve. [illegible] meeting. [illegible]

Most trees are quite green now. leaves half grown.

Fri. 30 threatening. rain after 4 p.m. warm.

a.m. mend fence.

p.m. out Lake Ave calling with Benton.

4 p.m. Anniversary committee at Miss Sears'.

Eve. Lincoln club.

Bobwhite. Barn Swallows seen. Wht. Thr't sparrows

Wood Thrush. Blk. [illegible] warbler?

Sat. May 1. 1897 rain rain. Wht thr't sparrows.

Chop corn stalks some. made kindling wood out of some old chairs. Study S.S. some.

New keg nails. Father about well.

Blk throated green warbler? "Seek no further" apple tree fell over by corn-house

Sun. May 2. 1897 threatening big rain last night
[illegible] "[illegible] A.H.[illegible]." Sermon on "[illegible]
all the world['s] growth [illegible]" Cashman,
S.S. better. Lake Ave. 15 present.
Quartette practice 6 p.m. C.E. meeting
delegates elected for Co. Conv. Quartette sang
2 pieces at [illegible] Ch. in eve. "Sweet [illegible]"
and "Haven of Rest." Sermon on "[illegible]" e.g.
especially [illegible] of [illegible]. also [illegible]
and conclusion "servant of God."
[illegible] preached for Cashman in eve. [illegible]

Mon. 3 cloudy
went to wood lot stayed all day. no dinner [illegible].
finished fence. grubbed up poplar Trees.
Heard water thrush. Foley & [illegible] called in eve.
Quartette practice 7:30

Tues. 4 cloudy.
a.m. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
p.m. [illegible]
eve. to Ridgeville Co. S.S. Conv. Quartette sang.

Wed 5 [illegible]
To Ridgeville Conv. all day. Secy of Conv.
Secy of Co. S.S. Assoc. Dinner at Town Hall
Supper at J.E. Rogers'. Father was out there
in a.m. Home at 6 p.m. Chores.
Quartette practice [illegible]

Thurs 6. fair
a.m. plant sweet corn middle land
p.m. " potatoes E side of Flat Hill lot

eve. Quartette in . prayer mtg 7
C.E. Exe Com. ..

4 Bluebirds. Heard Wood Pewee.
Green Heron.

Fri 7 May 97 fair.
a.m. plant potatoes at Hill lot
p.m " " " for Geo Kich.
Father sowing seeds with drill at Hill lot.
eve. Lincoln Club.
Apple & Maple leaves about full.
Apple blossoms & Pear.
Heron. Crested Flycatcher. Cat birds.
Male Orioles. White throated Sparrows.

Sat 8 Fair. Young Sparrow flown
All of us at Hill lot planting corn with [illegible]
Geo. there planting at south end.
eve. to Lake Ave. to practice music.
Female orioles. heard Scarlet Tanager think. Cres' Flycat
Took the 2 heifers up to the pasture
Corn stalks gone. Cleared up old stack.

Sun. 9 big rains in p.m.
S.S. Committee meet after.
Dinner at Frisbells Funeral of Mrs. Geo. Biggs
in Carlisle. Rainy only. Marion & Miss Meri
Lickorish spoke. C.E. Subject Giving
Quartette sang at eve. service

Mon. 10 Fair. Red headed Woodpecker. Purple Martin
a.m. horse shod $1.20
sawed wood. Apple blossoms in glory.
p.m. cut up the apple tree that was blown down

May 1[illegible]

eve. C.E. Union Exec. Com. mtg at Cadman's office, stopped & talked with Harry Davis in tailor shop.

Tues. 11 Fair. rain in eve.
a.m. cut up apple limbs.
p.m. hauled corn at hill lot.
Eve. Ellis Weits here. Quartette at E.
Dog-wood blossoms.
Rose breasted Grosbeak male & female. Wood Dove;
Young Robin flying.

Wed. 12 cloudy. apple blossoms falling.
a.m. Shelled corn for grist. Then read up on Essay
p.m. Cleaned out spring See Feb 18 " " " "
on Co. Commissioners.
eve. Annual Mtg of 1st Cong. Society. Old officers & Trustees reelected. Soliciting com. report $24,000 subscribed for new church. Trustees put in charge of building. to begin work when in their judgement funds enough raised. Uncle E. W offered to give $5000 within 2 yrs provided if other men would make it certain they would give same within 5 yrs. Rose Breasted Grosbeak.

Thurs 13 cloudy. Wrote Essay on Co. Comrs. nearly all day. Went to mill for grist.
eve. Quartette 6 p.m. Annual Roll Call of Church. horrible.
Ike saw Grosbeaks. I saw Scarlet Tanager in orchard. Humming Bird around Horse Chestnut tree which is in blossom.

Fri. 14 Cloudy. rain early a.m.
7:21 a.m. train for Wellington. Sheriff Lord taking prisoner to Columbus talked w. [illegible]

Lorain Co. C. E. Conv. Wellington Cong. Ch.
Dinner at Riversides. Supper & Night at Whitneys
bunked with young Dute from N. Amherst.

Sat. May 15. 1897 Wellington. Fair.
Sunrise meeting at 6:00.
Walked to Oberlin. 8:20 – 11:00 Nature beautiful
Flushed Snipe or Woodcock in road. Wood Pewee. Tanager
pair Indigo bird. pair Orchard Orioles.
Trillium sessile and at Blk River.
Dinner with Root family at Pa West's
p.m. Root hired me to take France to see Ball Game
Oberlin and Hiram score 7 – 6
Home 5 p.m. eve. S.S. Lesson.
Sun. 16 Fair. Frost in some places. not at 43
Morning sermon on II Ki. 5:13 Naaman.
S.S. Lane Grove. Took Miss Youngood
out. & back and drove out a pin to Lord
C.E. Meeting on "Things with hearing ear"
3 C at L. R. S.S. in afternoon. Miss Bateman
there ... song for Anniversary.
Horned Larks. Red Headed Woodpeckers nest
in maple right at side of road.
Mon 17 Fair. At Rucksmiths ... Geo.
Worked for Geo all day. dinner there.
Father took Nel to Oberlin & brought back ...
Chippy's nest in little Tyson pear tree.
Mourning Doves nest at Geo's. big young ones
Heron in orchard. Crested Flycatchers nest
seen back east of Geo. potatoes. 25 ft up. in
stub of broken limb. saw bird go to nest

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with food in bill. Meadow Larks nest 6 eggs in Dee's meadow. drove right above it hauling manure.

Eve. Dance. Committee at Sears'.

Tues. 18 Cloudy [illegible]

Worked for Dee with my team hauling manure. 8 hrs.

eve home.

Wed 19. Fair. [illegible]

a.m. Mr [illegible] was here [illegible] the barley.

p.m. hauling manure from our barn to Hill lot. [illegible]

eve. [illegible]

Thurs. 20 Rain [illegible]

Hauling manure, [illegible] full wagon [illegible] had to throw off part of load [illegible]

[illegible]

Fri 21 cold. [illegible], clear [illegible] night.

a.m. hauling manure.

p.m. [illegible] Hill lot [illegible].

Eve. [illegible]

Sat 22 fair. frost last night. no damage here.

a.m. spread manure at Hill lot.

p.m. planting at " " all [illegible]

eve. To Sears' on Lake Ave. [illegible]

Ingersoll's office on Co. S.S. Secy business.

Mayo walked home fr. C. arr. 8 p.m.

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[illegible] 23 & 24 : first [illegible] [illegible]

Tues. 25 [illegible].
a.m. planted new kind of potatoes E's S. land
Sawed up apple limbs.
p.m. [illegible] & I to Hill lot planting Rural N.Y. potatoes
on flat. and other things Eli set 2 hens.
eve. C.E. business meeting. good one.

Wed. 26 Fair. cool.
a.m. Planted corn at Hill lot N part, land and
furrowed E part (flat) for potatoes.
p.m. Father and I to Hill lot Plant Rur. N.Y.
potatoes on flat 1 land. Geo. harrowed 2
lands & I marked them for corn.
eve Gates & Roy called.
Eli & I moved "White chicken coop" into pen
mowed some of grass in front yard. scyth.
Marion to supper at Chapel. Plans for new Ch.

Thurs 27 fair cool beautiful.
a.m. put away old sled. Took Lizzie up to
aunt Albina's. Planted corn. first 2 lands
[illegible] the apple trees, 2 rows early potato
on flat.. Harold F. H. came at noon
p.m. mowed front yard with scythe. Toilette
at 3:45. Eli & I cultivated garden.
Harold took some photographs.
Eve. prayer mtg. Nominating Com. C.E.
Mrs Carter [illegible] played piano.

Fri. 28 warmer. rain in p.m. some.
a.m. Hill lot planted corn last 2 lands. finis.
noon. Toilette. [illegible] to school house to

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see Miss Sears about Anniversary.
p.m. Cleaned out Hen House
Eve. Lincoln Club. Will Field spoke
[illegible] S.
Harold & Marion rode to C in p.m. & [illegible]
came back with them.

Sat. 29. cloudy cool.
a.m. Co. S.S. Secy. business
p.m. pick over apples in cellar
spade border in garden.
Harold & Eli to cemetery.
Mark arrived 7 p.m. from Iowa.

Sun 30 cloudy. rain first part of p.m. clear off at night.
a.m. [illegible] 9:30
Memorial Day
Cadman [illegible] Sabbath violation [illegible] S.S.
S.S. [illegible] room at Hall on my [illegible].
p.m. [illegible] rain. [illegible] w. me.
26 present. practice, give out invitations.
stopped several places on my [illegible]. Grandad Ammon.
C.E. Consecration mtg. Sam [illegible].
Cadman [illegible] prayer.

Mon 31 [illegible] Decoration Day
a.m. Sang in quartette at Music Hall 5:30
Wrote [illegible] Pa [illegible] about Anniversary, write notes [illegible]
p.m. Mowed grass north of house. Spaded border in garden
Harold took [illegible] riding.
eve. took [illegible]. Hamilton in camp [illegible]
Saturday [illegible] mtg. Lieut. [illegible] Emery.

Tues June 1 fair
trimmed apple trees for fire brush
and [illegible]. C.E. [illegible] in Eve.

May 23 Sunday. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Pa [illegible]
S.S. 5 [illegible] Stayed at [illegible] on [illegible]
Lake [illegible], 23 present. Hefler rode back
with me. Stopped at [illegible].
[illegible] report of Co. C.E. Conv.
[illegible] Ch. with [illegible].

Mon. 24 cloudy [illegible] rain [illegible] 5 p.m.
Mended the wire fence around chicken pen.
[illegible] 6 p.m. Temperance
meeting Opera House 7:30. Webber and P.A. Baker
[illegible]. Lincoln Club sat on Platform.

Wed June 2 cloudy warmer.
recd from [illegible] some circulars
and mailed them to the S.S. Supts of
Lorain Co. Made some more Peg brush
Picked over apples in cellar.
Eve. Sam Pearl [illegible] about Union Social
[illegible] called at Will Tuckers.
Quartette at 8.
Harold left on [illegible] train for Chicago

Thurs 3. cloudy, warmer rain a little in a.m.
a.m. pick out 9 bu. R.N.Y. Potatoes for
Curtis the end of them.
p.m. pick out 1 bu apples & take potatoes & apple
to Curtis. Then began cleaning out
cellar. Haul to Oberlin.
Eve. [illegible] mtg. [illegible] help Mr. Carlson lead

Fri, June 4 fairly fair, warm.
cleaning in cellar. Washed out the little cellar chairs.
Eve. Lincoln Club & Zouvette.
Had back from C.
Sat. 5 partly fair warmer.
a.m. cleaning in cellar etc
p.m. all up to hill-lot, hoed beets and potatoes.
Father not feeling well. walked home. said it hurt him to ride.
Petunia's bag swollen. milk stringy.
Sun. 6. fair
Communion. several joined church.
S.S. 23. Anniversary of Lake Ave S.S.
big crowd.
C.E. Song Service Har' sang duet with H. Lain,
Hard and Marion led fair meeting
Mon 7 rain.
a.m. went down to Lake Ave. with wagon and brot up the camp chairs. Filed saw.
p.m. set out tomato plants & cauliflower in garden barefoot.
eve. Zouvette S.
Tues. 8 fair.
a.m. Sawed & split the little pile of maple wood that was lying by cellar door.
p.m. Ground scythe at Geo's. Cultivated corn south end Hill lot with Bill. Corn only an inch or two high. It has been so cold all the spring that everything is backward. Corn dont grow or anything else hardly

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and we have had no frosts all the spring to do any damage. Much rain

Wed. June 9 - fair.
a.m. mowed sorrel in pasture, then hoed potatoes at hill lot
p.m. " " " "
Eve. Asked Fred Reeve to go to Lake and teach class of boys, said he would.
C.E. business meetg. Election. Foly re-elected pres.
Louis Sutliff married.

Thur. 10 fair
a.m. hoed at hill lot
p.m. mowed swath through orchard and cultivated garden.
Eve. prayer mtg. Lincoln Club rehearsed to Mrs. Cadmus in church.

Fri 11. good shower in morn. clear off before 11.
very warm in p.m.
a.m. monkeyed on away. Ned and Stella rode to Chardon.
p.m. S.S. [illegible] till 3. Mowed grass.
Very heavy crop of grass. grass is only crop that has made good growth.
Eve. Lincoln Club Public Meeting. Father went [illegible]

Sat 12 fair. warm. Kingbird nest in Summer Queen tree.
Wood Pewees [illegible] out near Porter tree.
Elderberries in blossom very full.
a.m. mowed [illegible] ... They cleaned house in Father's room
p.m. hoed in garden.
Horse-less carriages here from Cleveland.

[illegible] winter [illegible]

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Sunday June 13: Showers. Children's Day
a.m. [illegible] preached to Children Magnets & nails.
S.S. and [illegible] Lakeside. Fred [illegible] went
but no class for him. Mrs Young there.
Marion led C.E. on Bible study. Children's
concert. [illegible] sang. [illegible]
Methodist [illegible] on way home. [illegible]

Mond. 14 fair. warm.
a.m. cultivated corn [illegible]
p.m. [illegible]
eve. C.E. [illegible] choose committee
[illegible].

Tues 15 hot, [illegible]
a.m. [illegible]
p.m. went [illegible] Lakeside, making
"pastoral calls." [illegible], [illegible], Smith,
Washburn, Matthison, Court, Young,
Wells, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]
Smithers boys, [illegible], Hockhester,
[illegible]bach boys, [illegible] boy, F. Luther.
eve. Caucus. Yates called.
Miss [illegible] of [illegible] here.

(margin: Folks were mostly out picking strawberries down there.)

Wed 16 cloudy, rain at eve.
a.m. [illegible] weed onions [illegible]
p.m. same. [illegible] came [illegible]
eve. read Langley's Aerodrome

Thur. 17 showers.
a.m. mended [illegible]. [illegible] funeral
of [illegible] at [illegible]
to [illegible]
[illegible]

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eve. [illegible] Foley's roses,

Fri. June 18. [illegible]

a.m. Roy [illegible] and I worked on Decoration Committee for Alumni. went to woods for ferns etc.

apples all gone last ones baked today.

p.m. Father and [illegible] to Hill lot. cultivator and hand

eve. Called on Beckers. Quartette at 5. no [illegible] [illegible], all rest did. Harl and Jo home from Oberlin.

Sat 19 big rain

a.m. cultivating Hill lot. [illegible] hoe. caught in rain came home & went in swimming. [illegible] took to O.

p.m. Monthly [illegible] Temperance lesson.

Sun. 20 cold

a.m. [illegible] Luke 12 : 19 take thine ease. p.m. Lake Ave S.S. at C. Miller's as [illegible] painted 31 present. 4 classes. Fred taught boys. [illegible] girls. Quartette sang "Planted a boy". Clara Simmon visiting & her mother Emery [illegible] rode home with me. Stopped at Catholic Cemetery.

Miss. Mary Williams spoke at C.E. on work at Goodrich house settlement.

eve. [illegible] born again.

Mon 21

Long Vacation begins. Hoeing and cultivating at Hill lot. In middle of the morning Harold C. Hale [illegible] us by suddenly appearing in a buggy with Keyes & Nelson, on his way to North-

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held summer conference. Train and roads very bad in spots on the flat.

John, Carrie, and Franklin arrived home at 6:21 p.m. Father met them at depot.

Eve. Quartette sang at Roundabouts at Geo. Chamberlain's.

Tues. 22 fair warmer.

a.m. Geo. mowed [illegible] at wood lot. mostly weeds. I mowed with scythe among trees. Kids [illegible] at hill lot.

p.m. [illegible] Wild strawberries, Uncle Herbert, Aunt Jennie & Chris here to dinner.

Met Hal, John & Carrie to [illegible] John back in p.m.

Eve. John showed us pressed flowers from Alabama. Hulled strawberries

Wed 23 fair, hot

a.m. did not go to C with John. Quartette at [illegible] Ham's store for [illegible] of Schubert 2. Hoed in garden 5½ [illegible] Kids to hill lot.

p.m. All to wood lot. Raked and cocked up hay. Wild strawberries for supper. Never saw so many of them as there are this year. [illegible], not? Eve. Quartette at [illegible]. called on E. Hurts.

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Thurs. June 24 hot.

a.m. cultivated at 1 1/4 cut. side hood.

Joseph's Carr on my horse for berries and [illegible] them on bicycle.

p.m. at wood lot haying, mowing w. [illegible] [illegible] cocking.

eve. Mtg.

Fri. 25 cloudy in a.m. cooler. cleared off

Harry's birthday 30 years old

a.m. finished hill lot cult. & hoe

then to wood lot. rake & cock.

p.m. finished cocking. Eli & [illegible] party at [illegible]. Had Jno. Carrie & 3 kids to Lake on Electric cars.

Hart left eve. Lincoln Club. Quartette. Hart left for [illegible].

Sat. 26 cool.

a.m. Haul one load [illegible] hay from W side wood lot. Jno. pitched off. Geo. stacked

p.m. one load from E side. Eli can pitch about as much as I can.

Eli & I cultivated garden

eve. walked out to see Art Winney but not at home. Roy N. F. called.

Sun. 27 fair cool.

[illegible] Carr [illegible] with our [illegible] preached. Quartette sang at Meth. S.S.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] SS.

Big fire in p.m. [illegible] grocery store.

[illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. School house not ready. C.E. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] out.

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Mon. June 28. fine, warmer.
cultivated at [illegible] till 10:30. [illegible] Eli with hoeing. Then [illegible] & I went to wood lot & pitched on a load of hay. Geo. mowed clover N side E of ditch. p.m. put load on stack, [illegible] and turned hay, got another load & stacked. eve. walking with Roy talking over C.E. Quartette [illegible]. Ellis [illegible] will take Fred [illegible] class at [illegible] Ave for a month or so. Fred started for San Francisco C.E. Conv. today noon. also Miss [illegible] and Earnie Crisp.

Tues. 29. good rain in a.m. [illegible] off p.m. rain again in night.
Cleaned [illegible] in a.m. Father & Eli [illegible] planting [illegible]. Then we went to wood lot & turned hay.
eve. C.E. business Meetg.
Marion [illegible] drove down to Baker Dist. to C.E. meeting.

Wed. 30. cloudy — hot hot.
a.m. [illegible] 15 [illegible] then [illegible] hay. p.m. Eli [illegible] got a 1 horse load. Geo. began mowing & broke down. [illegible] & cocked the clover.
eve. Choir social at [illegible]. [illegible] came home eve. train.

Thu. July 1st. [illegible] hot. cloudy.
a.m. [illegible] [illegible] Ike Hay [illegible]
p.m. [illegible] [illegible] mow with
scythe & [illegible]
eve. [illegible] [illegible]. Invitation
from Meth. Ch. to use their Ch. during
[illegible].

Fri. July 2. fair hot.
a.m. finished mowing with scythe & spread
& turned hay. [illegible] part of cocks.
p.m. [illegible] [illegible] at hill lot.
[illegible] to wood lot. [illegible] mowed
the timothy so that all our grass is cut.
[illegible] that in [illegible] & put one load
on wagon & cocked up rest.
eve. Lincoln Club. election of officers.
Letter from Hal at Minneapolis: engagement
to Rena Salisbury, surprise to all.
New potatoes for dinner.

Sat. 3 fair. hot [illegible].
a.m. mowed away 1 load hay in barn.
Stacked about 2½ loads, ^down^ put another load on
wagon. [illegible] turning the timothy.
p.m. John to Chester. stacked 2 more loads
clover. all there was, I pitched off.
then cocked up timothy.
eve. base ball. hottest night
could not sleep well

Sunday. 4th of July. 105° in shade some say. Irregular Kansas hot wind. Corn curling up.
Last Sunday in Old Church.

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[illegible] meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Ellis [illegible]
S.S. at C. M. [illegible]
Quartette sang [illegible]
Union C.E. m[illegible]
Disciple in [illegible]
report of Stat[illegible]

Wave From Hades.

The hottest day of the season and the record breaker of the present weather man's service, the official thermometer registered 101 degrees. That was at 2 o'clock on the 4th, and from then until the afternoon of the 5th it was so close to this mark it kept well people guessing and prostrated the sick. Reports from all points indicate a rich harvest in sunstrokes. The following record for the two hottest days is furnished us by Wm. Hoyle, who possesses an exceptionally accurate thermometer, and shows a lower maximum than is credited generally to this brace of sweaters:

JULY 4.

6 A. M.	78
7 "	83
8 "	85
9 "	88
10 "	90
11 "	93
12 M.	95
1 P. M.	95
2 "	97
3 "	96
4 "	96
5 "	94
6 "	92

JULY 5.

6 A. M.	78
7 "	80
9 "	85
12 M.	89
2 P. M.	90
3 "	95
5 "	71
6 "	74

Rain 4 P. M.

Mon. 5 July. hot. [illegible]
late in afterno[illegible]
finished [illegible]
a small one. [illegible]
Eve. to Philpotts [illegible]
cool.

[illegible] 6. little less hot.
a. m. we [illegible]
[illegible]
p. m. [illegible] cultivated Eli & I hoed [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] with Geo's hay.
we all turned in & helped cock [illegible]

Wed. 7. fair hot.
a. m. Geo. John & Wo. finished our hay.
Eli plant'd beans. I put P[illegible],
p. m. kids hoe.
we pitched on load of hay for Geo. at eve.
Eve. Quartette at Philp. serenad. Mary Taylor

Thurs. 8 fair [illegible].
a. m. I cultivate [illegible]
[illegible]
p. m. [illegible]
[illegible] for Geo. [illegible] Boas family [illegible]
Eve. called on Lozier Dutmar & Jerbrow.

[illegible] July 1st. [illegible] hot. cloudy.
a.m. cultivating to [illegible]
p.m. [illegible] mow with
[illegible]
[illegible] Invitation
from M[illegible] Ch. to use their Ch. during
rebuilding.

Fri. July 2. fair hot.
a.m. finished mowing with scythe & stowed
in barn hay. [illegible]
p.m. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] grass is cut.
[illegible] put one load
on wagon & cocked up rest.
eve. Lincoln Club. election of officers.
Letter from Hal at Minneapolis: Engagement
to [illegible] surprise to all.
New potatoes for dinner.

Sat. 3 fair. hot fearfully.
a.m. mowed away 1 load hay in barn.
[illegible] 2½ loads, and another load on
wagon. [illegible] timothy.
p.m. [illegible] 2 more loads
[illegible] pitched off
[illegible] cocked up timothy.
eve [illegible] bath. hottest night
could not sleep well.

Sunday. 4th July. 105° in shade some day. Hottest
[illegible] hot wind. Corn curling up.
Last Sunday in Old Church.

here, it's because they've got somethin
bigger in view and can't waste the time
We shall see. Hello, that tent lights u
well! Looks as if the show might b
about ready to begin."

We all looked to where the Mexica
traveling company had raised thei
small tent, a structure of the circu
side show variety. The interior, ligh
ed by two kerosene torches, was a
this particular time closed to outsider
while the performers were arrangin
themselves in their stage costume—
proceeding made evident by the shift
ing silhouettes displayed in animated
motion against the canvas sides. A
dressing room for the charming Lupit
had been created by hanging up a blan
ket near the side opposite the entrance
and the same apartment during th
performance served for the exits an
entrances of all the performers.

It was approaching the hour whe
the mail buckboard was due from th
eastward, and there was much specul
tion as to the chances that it would a
rive that night. There were first to l
considered the probabilities that a sta
would have been started out at all th
day and next the chances that it migh
get safely by the Apaches, and all t
... "rustlers," sure to be abroad a

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... meeting ...
Ellis ... Ave ...
S.S. at C. Miller's Lawn. 13 present
Quartet ... at our ... eve.
Union C.E. ..., our society & The
Disciple in ... Roy ...
report of State C.E. Conv. ..., Good
Mon. 5 July. hot. until big thunder shower
late in afternoon.
finished my ... and ... began
a small ...
Eve. to ... house to practice, C & H not there
cool.
... 6. little ... hot.
a.m. we ... corn.
...
p.m. ... cultivated ...
... ... our ... hay.
we ... turned in ... cock ...
Wed. 7. fair hot.
a.m. ... finished our hay.
...
p.m. Kids hoe. " .
we finished ... load ... hay ... Eve.
Eve. ... serenade Mary Taylor
Thur. ...
a.m. ...
...
...
...
Eve ...

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Fri July 9. hot

a.m. [illegible] till 10 then

[illegible] parade.

[illegible] Eli, [illegible] & I haying for Geo.

[illegible] every eve.

Sat 10 fair hot

[illegible] Eli, [illegible] and I haying for Geo

all day and [illegible] till 8:30 p.m.

haying by moonlight. 2 loads after supper

[illegible] went home to do chores.

Sun 11 very hot a.m. great rain at 10:30 and

drizzling all [illegible] of day.

SS at 9 a.m. at Baptist Ch.

Lake Ave. 11 [illegible]. Bed 7:00

Mon 12 cool. drizzling rain after 3 p.m. great rain

in eve.

a.m. I put on Paris Green. Eli set out

cabbage plants. [illegible] put on Paris Green for Geo.

p.m. 5 of us worked an hour for Geo

mowing away in top of barn. Geo. began

cutting wheat [illegible].

eve. [illegible].

Tues 13 cool. very cloudy in a.m. [illegible] off

a.m. home. I mowed grass in orchard,

kids picked currants [illegible]. [illegible] mowed Benton's lawn.

p.m. cultivating & hoeing at [illegible] lot. Geo.

cutting wheat, half done. We set up bundles

and turned his cocked hay.

First apple sauce [illegible]. see June 18

Wed 14 warmer, some cloud

All 5 of us [illegible] Geo all day

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setting up wheat and cocking hay
Eve. Quartette. Mr. Nevins ate w. Tilli,
about Homer Nash struggling w. drink appetite.

Thurs 15. fair cool. cloudy in p.m.
[illegible] haying for [illegible] all day
3 loads in [illegible] barn, [illegible]
full. A. and A. and family [illegible] here to
supper on their way to Massachusetts.

Fri. 16. warmer. cloudy. drizzling rain p.m.
a.m. hoeing potatoes in [illegible]. [illegible] went up to
wood lot to see if hay stacks were all right.
Johns hand very sore. blister under callous.
p.m. [illegible] Eli [illegible] help Geo put one load of
hay in top of barn. 1 hour or so.
[illegible] debated [illegible] of Canada [illegible] Club.

Sat 17 warm. threatening.
a.m. home, picking [illegible] currants [illegible]
p.m. [illegible] Eli [illegible] haying for Geo. finished.
Dr. lanced Johns hand. Willie in Wellington.

Sun 18 Kingbirds & Wood Pewees flown from nest,
See June 12. warm. threatening. clear off [illegible]
S.S. [illegible] came home with Franklin.
Lake [illegible] 22 present. [illegible]
C.E. [illegible]
Cadmus preached on the transfiguration.
Rob Crellone [illegible] last Thursday.

Father sick
4. a.m.
[illegible] 18

Mon 19 a.m. [illegible] Eli [illegible] hired [illegible] [illegible].
I stayed [illegible] to dinner. big shower at noon.
and another in afternoon. Willie & Mary home
She has sick headache & I doctored him.
Eve. [illegible] Foley here.

Tues. July 20. S.S. Picnic. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
([illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] at noon. Good weather at Picnic but big rain at home in p.m. wheat soaked. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at depot with wagons.

Wed. 21 Rain. [illegible] rain. cleared off late in p.m. a.m. [illegible] shelled about 9 bu. corn and [illegible] took it to mill.
p.m. S.S. lesson till 3. then mowed [illegible] in orchard till supper.
Eve. all sat on veranda and talked. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Thurs 22. fair.
a.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wheat stack [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] work. [illegible] in garden at home.
p.m. cultivating & hoeing at [illegible] lot. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], corn [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Emily Wheeler & Mrs Wheeler, missionaries, at our house. Miss W. spoke at eve. m[illegible]. [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible], answers to prayer; faith healing.

Fri 23 fair.
hauling wheat for [illegible] till 5 p.m. finished stack, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Eve. rode [illegible] bicycle over to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] went to [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible].

Sat 24 fair.
cultivating & hoeing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. cut our oats with binder and we [illegible] it up. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Sun. July 25 fair, hot.
Eli [illegible] came home with [illegible]
with him during [illegible]. [illegible] 27 [illegible]
[illegible]. Mrs. [illegible]. Mr. [illegible]. Mrs [illegible] & Harry
C.E. [illegible]. [illegible], Bethel man, preached.
Mon 26 cloudy, sprinkle [illegible], [illegible]
a.m. [illegible] Eli [illegible]. ([illegible])
p.m. hoeing [illegible] south end, [illegible]
horse shod new shoes all around.
eve. Lee Day called.
Tues. 27 rain not much.
a.m. went to hill lot, hoed 1 row of corn [illegible]
4 rows. caught in rain, home. [illegible]
read a little [illegible]
p.m. mowed in orchard.
eve. C.E. business meeting.
Wed. 28 cloudy, then fair.
Family picnic. Jo, Eli, [illegible], Keyes, [illegible]
and [illegible] in wagon with Bell's horse. John & Carrie
on wheels. Father & Marion on Electric cars.
[illegible] stayed at home.
Thurs 29 fair
a.m. [illegible] to hill lot hoeing. [illegible]
p.m. [illegible] hoeing
eve. prayer mtg. [illegible]
Fri. 30 fair warmer.
a.m. [illegible] in garden at home.
[illegible] cut of oats for Geo. [illegible]berries.
p.m. Eli & [illegible] & Keyes & Nelson to hill lot.
Keyes & [illegible] planted turnips.
Father does not go to farm now days. can't ride. See June 5.

Sat July 31. hoeing corn at hill lot all day. [illegible] John appeared with a hoe of Geo. [illegible] and we finished at 4:30 Went in swimming in [illegible] in eve. Then went all over town to get someone to go to Lake Ave.

hot

Sun. August 1 cooler, fair.
S.S. and Church. Got Mr. Hults to take my place at Lake Ave and Arthur Henney to take Ellis Hult's place. 28 present. Good Meeting. talked on 46th Psalm.
C.E. 2 seats full of us went to Disciple Ch. & heard E.M. Allen preach on Paul at Athens.

Mon. Aug. 2. hot
all of us work for Geo.
John hauling oats. rest hoeing his corn.
hauled our oats too.
Geo. & May called in eve. about picnic.
Mrs. Keenan from Lake Ave. called about social

Tues. 3. hot. big family picnic Geo. Rich's family & Sutcliffs. Lizzie DeWitt & our family Randalls Grove. Ice Cream etc. I came home on Electric cars with father to do chores. Band wagon home 8 p.m. Eli and Keyes stayed down at Aunt Sarah's.
Eve. called on Becker boys.

Wed 4 hot cloudy. tremendous storm after dinner.
a.m. trimmed hedge at home. Jo & Ike work in garden.
p.m. wrote to Leon Flint. Ike went down to Lake on car to take some clothes to Eli & Keyes

Thurs. August 5 cool. cloudy.
a.m. picked up apples. Ike & I went to Geo's and sharpened scythes, sick. & st... cut grass some.
p.m. hauling rubbish from DeWitt house sold to Wilson.
eve. prayer mtg. called on Lozier.

Fri. 6. fair. Jo shovelling sand on Sugar Ridge.
a.m. Ike & I hill lot, mowed a few oats that were left by machine. trimmed hedge.
Ice Cream for dinner. Johns treat.
p.m. hoe in garden a while. then hill lot alone trim hedge. Ike came up & picked beans.
A. and A. & family arrived from Mass. to stay about Sunday.
Jno. Carrie & ... went to Wellington

Sat 7 hill lot alone trim hedge all day. finished hedge in front. Jo shovelling gravel. Geo. is hauling it to cemetary. Eli & Keyes home from Lake
Eve. Jo. Eli, and I. to Hubert Hays to eat Ice Cream.

Sun. 8 cloudy.
Roy taught our SS classes. we had the little room back of pulpit. Cadmus invited us to sail.
Jo. went to Lake Ave. with me 39 present
Everard was there.
C.E. I proposed going to Lake Ave. for Union meeting. Disciple Ch. could not keep awake.

Mon 9 cloudy.
a.m. went down town & ... 100 mimeograph letters for Co. SS. Ass. ... ...
... p.m. Eli & I hill lot I trim hedge ... Eli ... ... Geo. ... on West side ... house

Tues August 10. 1897 big storm last night.
Eli and I work in garden all day, finish west half south land. Eli to Lab. SS. ins.
go shovel gravel.
Eve. [illegible] in [illegible].

Wed 11 fair. nice weather now days. warm days cool nights
a.m. [illegible] Omission [illegible] [illegible] to S.S. supply of society. go gravel.
p.m. Eli and I to hill lot. trim hedge [illegible]

Thurs. 12 fair. beaut. go shovel gravel
a.m. Marion & I started to go to Sab. class picnic
Eli drove us down there at 7:30 & we found
they had started at 7:00 so we came back,
Went off & mended fence for Geo.
p.m. Eli [illegible] & I to farm. I finished fence
for Geo. Eli forked brush at hill lot. [illegible]
at [illegible] to wood lot. trim hedge and
cut poplars. Drove in through Jones' pasture
Eve. C.E. Exec. Com. 6:00.
prayer mtg. hair cut. teachers mtg.

Fri 13 fair. Eli [illegible] & I hoeing at hill lot all day
go shovel gravel. Took filter down to be
repacked. In p.m. Rhyo & Nelson went to farm
with us & picked up a load of corn stalks broken
by storm.

[illegible] 14 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] load [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] E[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] C.E. [illegible]

Sunday August 15 18[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] K[illegible] to [illegible] A[illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] C.E. [illegible]

Mon. 16 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] M^c C[illegible]. S[illegible]
[illegible]
on [illegible]
[illegible], home 5.

Tue 17 [illegible]
a.m. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Wed 18 [illegible]
a.m. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Thu 19 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] C.E. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] August 2[illegible]. 1[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] down last [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] C[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] study in [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] load [illegible] stalks

[illegible] C[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] to stay weeks.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Five Thousand.

[illegible] 9 [illegible]

[illegible] 5:20

C[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wagon [illegible]

[illegible] a.m. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] up [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] 9 [illegible]

[illegible]

SS. [illegible] [illegible]

Ch[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

C[illegible] Charlie [illegible] home

[illegible] 5 Charlie [illegible] to [illegible] +

[illegible]

Back to Ratt[illegible] and took her to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. S. Kelly.

Thu 26 [illegible]
dug potatoes in garden. [illegible]
3 p.m. [illegible] went to [illegible] lot for [illegible].
Eve [illegible] H. [illegible] office, prayer mtg.

Fri 27 [illegible] about Rally [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] drove [illegible]
to [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible].

Sat 28 drove to [illegible] [illegible] starting 5 a.m.
to ask Prof. H. [illegible] of Chicago [illegible].
to speak at Rally. He was [illegible]
[illegible]. Unsuccessful.
Made some [illegible] for Rally
and [illegible] down town.
Miss [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Sun. 29 Only 63 in our whole S.S. [illegible]
[illegible] went to [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] down with our horse. [illegible]
Rainy. [illegible] [illegible].
C. E. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
from [illegible]. [illegible]
for [illegible].

Mon 30. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
to [illegible]. Mad[e] [illegible]
[illegible] for Rally and [illegible] for [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Bapt Church 7:[illegible]

[illegible] at Chapel 7:[illegible] [illegible] collection.

[illegible] 1. Aug. 17. Christian [illegible] Picnic and Rally [illegible]

[illegible]

a.m. [illegible] p.m. picnic. [illegible]

[illegible] back from [illegible]

[illegible] back from [illegible] over 10 [illegible]

[illegible] splendid.

[illegible] wood

was [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] Convention program

and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] September 1st. a.m. went to Geo's and sharpened two axes. [illegible] lot.

p.m. dig potatoes at [illegible] lot. not with [illegible] rain [illegible]

[illegible] swimming. Eli [illegible]

[illegible] swimming.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 2. a.m. [illegible]

p.m. [illegible] dig potatoes

[illegible] cutting wood.

[illegible] Cadmieo back again.

[illegible] to Nood [illegible] Keyes

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sat Sept. [illegible] 1897

a.m. [illegible]

[illegible] Woodruff [illegible] St.

p.m. Chas. [illegible] wood lot [illegible] to. paintg. Father [illegible] to [illegible] brot back Nelson.

Sun 5. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible] Ave. [illegible]

Mon 6. [illegible] very warm.

[illegible] at [illegible]. Chas. [illegible] cutting wood all day. [illegible] house. [illegible] and Frances [illegible] to dinner and they and Annie and [illegible] girl [illegible] and baby went home in p.m.

The kids went in swimming before supper.

Tues. 7 [illegible] very warm.

First day of school. Jo. went to Oberlin

[illegible] Hart's funeral. [illegible] all over [illegible] for old [illegible] young [illegible].

Wed. 8 very warm.

a.m. Chas. [illegible] picked [illegible]

p.m. Geo. [illegible] Young's funeral 7[illegible] years [illegible] Chas. [illegible] to wood lot [illegible] [illegible] pears, [illegible]

[illegible] 9 hot. 100° [illegible]

[illegible]

Con[illegible] [illegible] wood!

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 11.25
p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. got ax I saw
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Millon spoke.

Sept. 10 [illegible] [illegible] birthday. hot.
Eli [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before breakfast
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before breakfast [illegible] [illegible]
of sweet corn. I took it down town but
[illegible] not sell it. [illegible] Chas [illegible] to
[illegible] lot [illegible]. p.m. Chas. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] north of house.

Sat. Sept. 11 [illegible] My birthday. [illegible] and nothing more.
hot. I was awfully cross all day,
[illegible] [illegible]. Barnum's Circus.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Fair Ground and
saw the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and then
went to [illegible]'s Mill and got on the
awning to watch the parade, the
same as we used to do when Father owned
the mill. P.M. Chas. Eli & I cutting
wood [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] home from the Lake.

Sun. 12. still hot. but [illegible] [illegible]. Eli gave me
a birthday present, a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 5
[illegible] [illegible]. Last Sunday [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 3 [illegible] [illegible]. Eli [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Lake
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. they [illegible] home [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] C.E.
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Mon. Sept 13 "97. hot. [illegible] before break[fast]
a.m. Chas & I to woods, cutting.
p.m. [illegible] building [illegible].
Eve. called on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]

Tues 14. hot. [illegible] birthday.
a.m. took wagon to [illegible] for repairs.
Chas cut down best apple tree
me cut down the [illegible] tree in [illegible]
full of initials.
p.m. [illegible] [illegible] to wood lot
[illegible] wood.

Wed. 15 hot [illegible].
Father had sick spell just before breakfast
fell [illegible] the [illegible] struck his head
and shoulder on stone. Chas. attending him
most all day.
Picking Seckel Pears
Shelled corn in p.m.

Father sick — See July 18

Thurs. 16 took seckel pears to market 5½ bu. 2.30
picked the [illegible] & sold them to [illegible] 1¼ bu. .35
p.m. Chas & I to woods. great wind storm
but very little rain. Eve mtg.

Fri. 17. cool.
a.m. sold 1½ bus. tomatoes [illegible]
took corn to mill. dug potatoes in [illegible]
p.m. Chas & I began cutting corn.
[illegible] came home
Eve. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] dinner.

Sat 18. a.m. Threshing at Geo. 25 bus. oats.
[illegible] had 151 bu. wheat. Annie [illegible] here
p.m. Chas. Jo. & I. cutting corn

Sunday Sept. 19. 1897 cool.
(First Sunday in Opera house.)

S.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 2 [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] 23 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] class.
" " C.E. [illegible] [illegible] C.E.
Ev. sacred concert Opera House.
Chas. walked to wood lot before breakfast
and found Right the heifer had her
calf. [illegible] her down to Geo. Rich's.

Right has calf.

Mon. 20 cool.
Chas. [illegible] & I cutting corn a.m. & p.m.
finished cutting.
Brought Right home at noon. (left calf at George's)
Picked 2 ½ bus. grapes at hill lot.

Tues 21. cold [illegible] birthday. 1st Fair day.
a.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] .25
Chas. & I picked up corn scattered around
at [illegible] [illegible]. Then [illegible] cutting up the
big beech tree in grove.
p.m. cutting wood in grove till 3:30
Then Chas. & all of us to wood lot
after hickory nuts. ([illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible])
Chas. left on midnight train.

First frost

Chas. left.

Wed 22 cool.
a.m. [illegible] [illegible] wood in grove.
p.m. [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Then all
of us picked [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Lo to College

Thurs. 23 a.m. Eli & I cut [illegible] of the sweet corn on
[illegible]. Then dig potatoes. Mrs Richardson [illegible]
p.m. dig [illegible]. Kids [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

to fair in p.m.

Fri. Sept. 24. 1897 fair

a.m. picked over potatoes. [illegible] Eli & I dug potatoes. [illegible] beans

p.m. Eli & I put up the blinds that had been painted by [illegible]. [illegible] wood in grove. At 4 o'clock we all went over to the fair.

Eve. Lincoln Club

Sat. 25 in a.m. began cutting wood in grove when Geo. sent for me to come up & help him hauling seed-clover. Eli & I helped him rest of day & stacked 3 loads & left 1 small load on wagon. Paid me .75

Eli & I went in swimming in eve. water cold.

Roy & Bert Keeling called in eve.

Sun 26. S.S. Assoc. Day. warmer.

Male Quartette at Church.

S.S. Mrs. Griswold led fail meeting.

Union Mtg of Lake Ave. and River Road S.S. at latter. Assoc. Day exercises. Address by [illegible].

Cadmus led C.E. Consec. Mtg.

Fine Sermon in eve.

Mon 27 fair.

a.m. helped Geo. finish out clover stack, [illegible] fed cattle,

p.m. [illegible] came to see [illegible]

Dist. con. [illegible] Co. S.S. Assn. [illegible]

after school we went hickory nutting to wood lot. [illegible]

Tues. Sept. 28th 1897 fair and frost.
a.m. [illegible] been waiting to buy pears.
picked the Duchess pears, 2 bus. Went
down & got [illegible] from Cadmus,
p.m. picked the pears in S.W. corner of yard
Standish bought 1 bus. 60
Eve. to [illegible] C.E. to take card for
house to house canvas. cold.
Wed. 29 fair warm days cold nights
a.m. finished picking the pears in S.W. corner.
p.m. took Mother [illegible] to [illegible] shop.
got [illegible] of pumpkins [illegible] from hill lot.
After school [illegible] picked beans.
Eve. [illegible] practicing for Life of Luther show.
Thurs 30 fair [illegible] night little less cold
a.m. began digging Rura Ct. Y. Potatoes
p.m. same. kids came up after school
with [illegible] wagon. nearly finished.
Ev. practice for entertainment.
Fri October 1st warm [illegible] dry
very dry. dust dust. had no rain to speak of
for a month. scarce of water for house.
a.m. fixed a bin in cellar and put
in the Rura Ct. Y. potatoes.
p.m. picked tomatoes in garden; took
down 2 bus. pears and 1 1/2 bus. of
tomatoes. sold to Potter. $1.40
Ev. practice for entertainment.
Sat 2nd a.m. all picking up potatoes for Elsong
p.m. kids same as in a.m. Eli to opera House
making [illegible] flower [illegible] I went to a funeral Gale

then picked winter pears & ... ...
Eve. practise Luther Entertainment.

Sunday October 3. fair. Black cow has calf

Black cow calf

S.S. Started for ... with horse but broke down ... & borrowed Fays bicycle. After S.S. arranged for house to house canvass. Mrs ... Mrs. Haines & ... Misses Rich & ..., sang at C.E. aft C.E. The new ... Quartette Dunham ... ...

Mon. 4 fair.
a.m. mended harness. went to wood lot to see if any water there: found plenty. then to hill lot dug the rest of the Rural N.Y. Potatoes.
p.m. picked tomatoes and winter pears.
Eve. practise Luther entertainment. great.
Father has begun to use Catheter.

Tues. 5 Eve. practise Luther entertainment.
a.m. mended wheel barrow and ladder
Tied up ... sweet corn in bundles
p.m. cows got through fence into Smiths garden Father tried to drive them in & used himself up awfully. heart trouble. I mended fence
Eli and I picked Keiffer pears.
Eve. practise entertainment

Wed. Cleaned out cistern south of house
Went to Lorain helped Geo. move ... goods. 4 ... hours on the road.
Eve. Reisinger came for calf $1.00
practise entertainment.

Thurs. a.m. finished delivering ... ...
p.m. Sang at funeral of Old Mrs. Stocking 2 solos
split wood in grove. Eve. ... ...

Friday October 8, 1897 cloudy.

[illegible] cleaned out corn house, shelled. [illegible] took 3 bu corn & 2 bus oats to mill ground together paid for grinding .30 took 2 bus beans and 1/2 bus tomatoes $1.30 went to wood lot and hauled load of wood. [illegible] last performance [illegible] entertainment. night warm.

Sat. 9. [illegible]

[illegible] Marion to

Charles [illegible].

[illegible] kept beans

[illegible] at McFarland at Des Moines

walk [illegible] Charles. [illegible] & Keyes walk

[illegible] them.

Sunday 10. [illegible] S.S.

[illegible] house. [illegible] was

arranged [illegible] to L.A. again [illegible]

to C.E.
[illegible] Meeting [illegible] Smith.

Mon 11. warm. [illegible] at 5:30 a.m.

Woodlot on fire — [illegible] wood lot on fire. [illegible]

[illegible] All the neighbors were in

there fighting fire & had it under control.

[illegible] hauled 2 loads of water from

river. [illegible] went to Charles at noon.

rain — Everything was [illegible] the fire burnt

down all the ground. Many trees

burnt down. About 6 p.m. it rained

hard and [illegible] in night it rained again.

[illegible] said [illegible] for Sunday

Tues. Oct. 12 [illegible] wind [illegible].
a.m. [illegible] then [illegible] to
Hay field. Went to wood lot. fire [illegible]
[illegible] all out. picked up few [illegible] and
sharpened hay knife.
p.m. took 4½ bushels pears and
one bu. tomatoes to town. $3.90
Then helped [illegible] dig potatoes back of
barn.

Wed 13. a.m. picked winter pears.
p.m. to wood lot. split up [illegible]
of beech in [illegible], sawed [illegible],
hauled a load stove wood.

Thurs. 14 a.m. down [illegible] house to house.
p.m. picked winter pears. then to [illegible]
[illegible] got
2 axe handles. [illegible] Bartlett [illegible] at
freight depot. Then to back lot for
cabbage for cows.
Eve. Annual mtg of Church. [illegible].
Quartette at [illegible].

Fri. 15 last night warm. today hot
a.m. to wood lot split some. hauled load
stove wood. [illegible] down just as driving
into yard.
p.m. got load to wood shed & unloaded.
burned out a couple of broken axe handles.
Eve. C.E. Quartette at [illegible] store.

Sat 16. Eli & I to wood lot sawing.
in p.m. there was a fire alarm & we came
home fearing our barn was on fire.

then [illegible] & I [illegible] [illegible] gone.

Sunday Oct. 17 1911.

[illegible] & [illegible] at S.S.

Kor [illegible] [illegible] & S.A.H. [illegible]. to Lake Ave.

Roy [illegible] C.E.

Toothache in bed all day

Mon. 18 a.m. sold tomatoes .25

got medicine for cow (Dr. Moyer) Potassium .50

brot. home lumber wagon from Early's

set tires. & new cross bar 1 50

p.m. load stove wood from woods

Eve. Quartette at Philpotts. Prosser.

Tues. 19 a.m. hauled load stove wood.

p.m. " " " furnace ".

over to West side with Marion for washer

woman. Sold dozen Egg plant 25

Pump mended. 65

Eve. Roy called.

Wed. 20 a.m. sprinkling some. husked corn. 10 bu.

p.m. sold [illegible] pears 1¾ bus. E 1.00

split wood.

[illegible] Exec. Com. County S.S. [illegible]

[illegible].

Thurs. 21 a.m. husking corn 7 bu.

p.m. Canvassing [illegible] [illegible] for

Mr. McP[illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] side

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Fri. 22. a.m. husking corn 10 bu.

[illegible] [illegible] canvassing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Cai [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sat. Oct. 23, 19[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for him

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] .

Sun 24. Attended only S. S. and [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

last night [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Mon. 25 [illegible] last night from 6:30 – 11 [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] night [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Father better.

a.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] father.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with washing.

[illegible] [illegible] apples [illegible] [illegible].

Harl arrived 6:50. I slept at [illegible].

Tues 26 a.m. [illegible] [illegible] picking apples.

p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Ch.

[illegible]

Wed 27 sat [illegible] night [illegible] father.

a.m. [illegible] [illegible] apples. [illegible], [illegible].

p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Thurs. Oct. 28 1897.
a.m. Wood lot picking apples [illegible] the Sky
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to wood
lot [illegible] [illegible]
Fri. 29 a.m. Wood lot [illegible] apples.
p.m. [illegible] [illegible] to
Charles with Florence bullock
& cut down part of hay stack & put
[illegible] barn.
Sat 30 a.m. Eli & [illegible] finished picking
apples at Woodlot. [illegible] up all
to billdog 17 ... apples from ground as Eli went [illegible]
p.m. Eli and [illegible] to wood lot sawing.
eve. Roy Foley here. [illegible] down stairs.
Sun. 31 only 2 boys at S.S.
[illegible] eve. 24 [illegible]. Tabs there & rode back
with me. Jo. at home. bed 7. up [illegible]
Monday Nov. 1st 1897 [illegible] [illegible] to come very dry again.
drizzling rain all day.
a.m. took washing to [illegible] [illegible]. with Kenyon
[illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
p.m. Kenyon and [illegible] [illegible] Kenyon's
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Eli & I
picked our [illegible]. Jo did not go to school.
his face all swollen with toothe ache. Aggie
here to supper. Bed. 7. till 11:30 then
sat up with Father. rain all night.
Tues. 2. rain rain rain.
fixed pump into cistern south of house.
made saw buck. [illegible] to west side

after washing. Saw Moysey & got some more medicine for Petunia cow. Voted for L C Baldwin.

Wed. Nov. 3. fair & [illegible].
a.m. [illegible]
p.m. [illegible]
[illegible]
on [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] toothe-ache

Thurs 4. fair. [illegible]
also cow manger. Eli [illegible]
up 3 loads wood [illegible] grove. [illegible]
to go [illegible] for
Father about one [illegible] hours.
[illegible]
Sat up at night with Father. [illegible]
in [illegible] north [illegible].

Fri. 5. Annie and her baby here a.m.
Made a box trap.
Azzie here on Eve. train and sat up all night w. Father.

Sat 6 Eli took corn to mill a.m.
Eli Ike Keyes & [illegible] to hill lot husking corn. I crawled into the furnace and fixed floor and then built a fire. Marion telegraphed Hart Jno Chas
p.m. Eli & Ike [illegible] bills for McMillan
West side meetg tomorrow.
fixed Gladioli. Geo Rich sat up with Father. Annie here p.m. stayed all night

Father failing

Sun Nov 7 1897 Father little stronger
Marion taught my S.S. class.
Boy Supt. id "Lake Ave.
Harl arrived 2 p.m.
Chas " " 6 p.m.
I sat up w Father all night
C.E.s went to West Ridge.

Mon. 8 John arrived 5:30 a.m.
rain. took washing over.
slept in p.m. then dug last
potatoes in garden ½ bus. Harl sat up

Tues 9 rain
Sold 3 bus. Winter Pears.
Root here to supper. Chas sat up

Wed 10 rain. Chas. putting in [illegible] lights.
[illegible]
p.m. [illegible] [illegible] meal [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]

Thur 11 rain some. [illegible] took 2 bus. [illegible]
to town [illegible] a bus. Chas and I
to [illegible] tools then to Hil
[illegible] little load of beets.
p.m. put [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for washing. got in the red
beets from garden also few tomatoes.
I sat up. snowed some in night

Sat. 12 snow a little. [illegible] ground
a.m. [illegible]
[illegible] little

p.m. Chas [illegible] got two
loads beets from hill lot and
put in cellar. [illegible] frozen.
Harl sat up.

Sat Nov 13. cold. ground frozen. cleared off
in p.m. a.m. [illegible] hill lot
husked corn 17 bus.
p.m. we [illegible] corn. went to hill [illegible]
& got a load of carrots. [illegible]
and dug the tube roses. Jo & Harl
to Oberlin. Annie here to supper.
Jo came home.

Sun. 14 rain rain rain
Only one boy (Murbach) in S S Class
Roy & I rode to Lake Ave. Only 2 there
C. E. mtg in Opera House. Quartette at
Foley's. [illegible] sat up.

Mon 15 a.m. shelled corn warm
p.m. Chas & I to hill lot got
the rest of the carrots and the onions
John left 10 a.m for Alabama
I sat up.

Tues 16 colder [illegible] to mill
got groceries from Brooks.
Eve. Quartette at Dunhams.

Wed 17. a.m. dug onions beets carrots in
garden. p.m. cut up limb of English-
streak apple tree.
Harl left for Des Moines. I sat up.

Thurs. 18 p.m. trim trees at hill lot.
Florence Bullock to supper. cold night

Friday Nov. 19 1897 warming up.
a.m. husked corn 2 shocks 8 bus.
p.m. Eli (home from school early) and I
husked 3 shocks 12 bus. old [illegible] come
over there. broke wagon a little. I sat up.

Sat 20 Fair warm.
Eli Ike & I husk corn. a.m. 5 shocks
17 bus. p.m. 6 shocks 19 bus.
Father seems better

Sun. 21 Fair, warm.
lots of boys at SS. Tite, Vincent, Yesbergers.
Roy Miss Sears & I to Lake Ave. 22 present
mostly children. appointed Committee for
Christmas. Quartette before C.E.
I sat up.

Mon 22 Cloudy cooler.
a.m. hauled 4 loads furnace wood
from grove to cellar
p.m. slept. then brot in bedding
from stack.

Tues. 23 coldest yet?
a.m. mowed away corn stalks
p.m. took nap. then Eli Ike & I
to hill lot got load stalks.
Annie here supper. lost my mittens

Wed 24 very cold
a.m. mowed away corn stalks
p.m. monkeyed. chop corn stalks
Chas. hauled rest of wood fr. grove
bought mittens. Will Young here.
Jo came home.

Thursday Nov. 25 1897 Thanksgiving
Eli Ike Keyes Nelson to Oberlin on cars. Marion Net Jo & I to Geo. Rick's. Chas. & Father alone. a.m. took gifts from S S class to poor family on Woodland Ave Dolly by name.
got Spring wagon full turnips from hill lot.
Jo. back to O. in eve.
warmer. rainy.

Fri 26. warm. rain a.m.
a.m. slept. kids shelled beans
p.m. " " " finished.
I got 2 loads turnips.

Sat 27 warm.
a.m. we finished turnips
p.m. husked corn [illegible] 14 bus.

Sun. 28 new boy in S.S. Jim Brown.
Lake Ave. 21 present. [illegible] Brown.
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] 2 songs.
Went to C.E. & Eve. services.

Mon 29 growing cold.
a.m. hauled load corn stalks.
p.m. husked 1 shock 3½ bu & hauled load stalks. cold.

Tues 30 Coldest yet. frozen solid. roads awful
a.m. shelled corn
p.m. to mill. had horse's front shoes re-set. Eli had her shod behind a few days ago. got some sweet corn from hill lot.

Wed. Dec. 1st 1917
husking corn. in a.m. Geo. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] ought to bring [illegible] home from
[illegible]

Thur. 2. a.m. [illegible] my stalks. After noon
Eli and [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] bought
Bert town. Examination at school
Eli did not have to go.
[illegible] [illegible] corn. Eli came up &
helped after noon.

Fri. 3. a.m. [illegible] up stalks, then to
[illegible] [illegible] husking, up late to dinner,
p.m. husking. warmer.

Sat 4 warm, raining.
a.m. [illegible] to hill [illegible] in mud
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] stalks unhusked.
p.m. Sang at funeral of old Mr. Jno.
Kraig down lake Ave. Kids husked
all the corn on [illegible] town a.m.

Sun. 5 cold. frozen solid. Roads awful
S. S. & lake Ave. Stella Foley went
down [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] C. E. Eve. Ch. service.

Mon 6 a.m. odd jobs at home
p.m. husk corn. [illegible] up

Tues 7) husked corn. a.m. & p.m.
(Ray Gaylord here at noon.
~~a.m. hauled load of wood. road bad~~ mud.

Wed 8) husk corn a.m. & p.m.
we met A. H. Cross at 5: o'clock train
went to Chapel to supper with him
then we went to Lorain to a

Township S.S. mtg. Organized a Tp. S.S. assoc. Lorain & Sheffield Tps. (Pres. E.E. Hopkins. Secy. Miss Alexander.

Thurs. 9 husk corn ~~a.m. &~~ p.m. In a.m. haul-ed load of wood. Roads bad.
~~[illegible]~~ noon.

Fri. 10 a.m. husk corn.
p.m. Chas. went up & we finished husking the last 4 shocks.
Then after school, kids & I went up again & got the stalks.
husking all done.

Sat. 11 rain in night.
a.m. I cut some off from steck.
Eli chopped corn stalks. then Eli Ike & I shelled beans etc.
p.m. Eli Ike and I went to woods and sawed.
Eve. Quartette at Miss Sears. Xmas music

Sun. 12. S.S. review. Jo at home.
Lake Ave. with Roy & Miss Sears. reelected supt.
Roy assistant. Emmert led C.E.
After C.E. Quartette practise Xmas music at Chapel.

Mon. 13 a.m. to wood lot chopping
p.m. to hill lot. got last shock of sweet corn. and [illegible] up [illegible]
some [illegible] down [illegible]. [illegible]
He wants me to get singers for Ada's funeral.

Tues. 14. a.m. down town for singers
p.m. funeral. [illegible]

Wed. Dec. 15 1897.
a.m. cut part of stock and put in barn.
p.m. to woods chopping.
Oberlin Electric RR running. Sat up.

Thurs. 16. a.m. to Geo's sharpen axes etc, then to hill lot trimmed 1 apple tree.
p.m. to woods chopping.
Eve. called at [illegible] to see about mtg. next Sunday p.m. Prayer mtg led by C.E.'s; Miss Sears. leader.

Fri. 17. snowing & raining. colder in pm
a.m. shelled corn.
p.m. monkeyed
Eve Henry Hall called.

Sat 18 [illegible]
cutting [illegible] a.m. and p.m. [illegible]

Sun. 19 cold. [illegible] S.S.
Eb [illegible] down to Lake Ave. with Miss Sears. He taught the boys' class.
p.m. meeting. good one. 9 went.
Eve. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C.E. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Leonard read paper.
I sat up.

Mon. 20 very slippery. icy.
a.m. took corn to mill and did various errands around town. p.m. paid for
11^{00} a ton of bran at [illegible] milling [illegible]
Brot home 735 lbs.
Eve. walked down to Lake Ave to the [illegible] for Xmas.

Tues. Dec. 21 1897
to woods [illegible] a.m. and p.m.
in p.m. drove around by Earl [illegible]
and through [illegible] pasture. [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
Eve. [illegible] office
[illegible]

Wed. 22. [illegible]
a.m. [illegible]
p.m. [illegible]
[illegible]

Thurs. 23 a.m. to [illegible]
p.m. [illegible]
[illegible]

Fri 24. a.m. trimming apple trees at home.
" " cutting up limbs. Summer [illegible]
house an hour.
Eve. Christmas entertainment at Lake Ave. Eli & I & Benton & Roy went down. They presented me with a pair of mittens, an umbrella, and a book. "Kept for the Masters Use".

Sat. 25 Christmas. [illegible]
Cut down part of stack.
Kids skating. Dinner of Christmas Goose a present from Cora Baker's father. [illegible]

Sun. 26 S.S. Ike and Fred Warner [illegible] to Lake Ave. 13 present.
C.E. S.S. Xmas entertainment

Monday Dec. 27. 1897.

a.m. found that the cross cut saw was stolen.
borrowed another from Geo. & Eli Steere.
went to woods. cut down big maple
[illegible] p.m. to woods [illegible]
[illegible]

Tues 28. We three to woods a.m. & p.m.
took big wagon and brought
home 2 small loads.

Wed 29. a.m. to woods. stormy, wet snow.
brought home green furnace wood.
p.m. home. chop stalks. pile wood in
cellar.

Thurs 30 did not freeze last night.
a.m. [illegible] to woods. not Ike. finished the big
maple & some others.
p.m. to woods with Ike. cut 2 beech & 2
ash trees in a heap.
eve. prayer mtg. Prof. [illegible] of Wyoming
collegiate inst.
C.E. business mtg. I presided.

Fri 31. Dec. 1897 colder. N. wind. snow.
a.m. to woods. Ike walked to Adams corners
load of stove wood. cut big rotten elm.
p.m. to woods with sled.
eve. Eli & I to Bible lecture by Bosworth.
and sundry errands down town.
Father [illegible] down
stairs at night. Jo. home 11 p.m. on
electric cars. Father had heart pains caused
by sour stomach.

Saturday January 1st 1898
New Years Day. cold.
Father was easier latter part of night
I laid down from 5 to near 7 a.m.
Chopped 5 bundles corn stalks.
A. and A, France & Baby Marion come on
9 oclock car.
Then the great show. When they were all
ready to begin I brought in from dining
room a big bran bag containing Nelson
and labeled "A Good Boy. To Marion
from Nelson". This was Nelsons own scheme.
Father was wheeled in his great
leather chair to door of his room, so
he could look on.

My Presents. 2 flannel night gowns	from	Marion
bag of candy & peanuts	"	"
Little S.S. Lesson Book	"	"
Picture of France & Baby Marion	"	Annie
Cuff holders	"	"
Napkin holder	"	"
Pair Sleeve holders	"	France
Relic of Old Church	"	do
Pair Ice Creepers	"	Eli
Set shirt studs 3	"	Ike
Bottle Almond Cream (Eli's)	"	"
2 fine pencils	"	"
Bath mitten	"	Marion.
Pair leather shoe strings	"	Nelson

We all gave Father a house coat. and he wore
it when he sat up second time while

we were at dinner (scalloped oysters. and mince & apple pie with whipped cream. pie brot over by A & L. nuts & candy furnished by Jo.)
Quartette at Foley's before dinner.
Hubert Day to see Father.
A & U. etc back to C on 3 p.m. car.
I called on Beckers and Tite.
Yates Gardner to supper.
Sat up with Father till 1st part of night.
Baby Marion is a picnic
Father had to use [illegible] every hour.

Sunday Jan. 2. 1898 Cold. very.
12 boys at S.S.
Roy, [illegible] & I to Lake Ave. I wore [illegible] overcoats, overshoes, big cap, [illegible]
C.E. Consecration Meeting.
Quartette sang at 2nd Cong. Church. "Pastor's Welcome." Up with Father till 12. then bed till 8.

Mon. 3 Warmer. Jo. back to C.
Staid with Father while Chas. slept.
Cleaned out Right's stall.
Chet Eli & Marion to [illegible] mtg
I sat up with Father 1st part of night.

Tues 4. a.m. warmer. [illegible] Right [illegible]
Stayed w. father 7-12 a.m. Chas. slept
Right p.m. Chas. went hauling manure from Day's barn with Dec. I stayed with Father.
N.B.

Wed Jan 5 '98 warm beautiful.
a.m. Chas. slept. I with Father
p.m. I went to woods. brought
load furnace wood,
Eli sore throat. bed.
Sat up all night. worst night he had.
Thurs. 6. Got up & did chores. went to bed and
slept till time for chores in p.m.
Eli in bed all day.
Eve. with father till 12.30
Ike sick in night threatened sore throat.
Fri. 7 Doctor pronounced Eli cured.
Ike slept till after dinner.
I was with Father in a.m. In p.m. sang
at Mrs. Cobb's funeral.
Eve. with Father till 10.
Sat 8 With Father all day. Chas. rest.
Eli & Arleen to Oberlin on Electric.
take clothes for Jo.

Sun. 9 Ralph's birthday warm.
With Father a.m. Marion taught my S.S.
class 13 boys there.
p.m. to Lake Ave. with Roy and Miss Sears
14 present. good roads. Keyes a little sick
Slept 7-11 p.m. Up rest of night.
Mon. 10 warm. muddy.
Bed all day. 9:30 - 5
Up all night.
Tues. 11 warm. a.m. shelled 2 bags corn & took to Shay's
mill at Coonville. Geo. Rich gave me $2 for Mrs. Cobb funeral
Bed 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Assie here in eve.

Wed. Jan. 12 1898 very warm.
Thunder & lightning. heavy rains.
a.m. filled 6 bags with corn ears.
Bed 9:30 a.m – 5 p.m.
Ridgeville election yesterday. went dry
by increased majority. over 100.

Thurs. 13. warm.
a.m. took corn to Coonville mill.
Bed 10 a.m. — 7:30 p.m. Up all night.

Fri 14. Bed 9:30 – 6 rain rain.
Father had a very bad time in eve. Chas.
lay on bed down stairs all night, but
very comfortable night comparatively

Sat 15 rain rain.
Bed 8 – 5 Roy Foley here 7:30 a.m.
Father walked out into dining room.

Sunday Jan. 16. colder. little snow.
Bed 8 – 11 a.m. S.S. taught my class.
Hitched up horse for Roy Foley to go to Lake Ave.
Bed 2 – 7 p.m. Up all night. read
Ten Nights in a Bar room"

Mon. 17 colder. a.m. trimmed apple trees a little
in garden. Bed 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Mrs. May Goldsbury Channon here. Father had
his pants and coat on and went out into
sitting room to see her.

Tues 18 a.m. colder. frozen roads. Went to mill
for corn meal. see Thurs. 13.
Bed 10 to 5

Wed. Jan 19. warmer.
Bed 8:30 — 5. Nelson got hit by a stone, over his left eye. Made a cut had to be sewed up. Eve. rain. rain all night. A. and A. here in eve. Father ate dinner with the family at table

Thurs 20 Bed.

Fri. 21 In eve. went to Prof. Bosworths Bible Lecture with Marion. Eli does all the chores nowdays with some help from Ike. Father has much pain & fretfulness. great appetite. goes out to the table at dinner time.

Sat 22. a.m. Eli & I cut down 3 trees in grove. dead Cucumber & hemlock and old Peppridge stub. Bed 11 a.m. — 7 p.m. Ike to Oberlin on Electric. Rain all p.m. Windy in night. 3 hemlock trees blown down.

Sun. 23. Bed 9 a.m. — 11 S.S. new boy Leroy Rice
Bed p.m. till 8.

Mond. 24 Bed. 9—5. Eve. walked down to Lake Ave. Having special mtgs there. Wannamaker Cadmus & Stocking. W preached tonight. Geo. Rich haul load furnace wood.

Tues. 25 rain all day.
a.m. cut some from stack. Bed. 9 — 5:30
Annie here in P.m. Jo. in Eve

Wed. Jan. 26. 1898 colder
cleaned out stalls.
Eve. Called on Mr. McMillan but did not see him. [illegible] [illegible] meeting at W. Ave. Church. Bartlett preached on "unpardonable sin"

Thur. 27. cut bedding from stack... colder.
Eve. to meetg. at Lake ave. walked back with Hammaker.

Fri. 28 [illegible]
Eve. Eli, [illegible] & I to Roy Foley's to candy pull for Roy's and my S.S. classes. All but 3 of my boys there.

Sat 29 Fathers birthday 1822 –1898 76.
He came out into sitting room to prayers.
I cleaned out Rights stall and chopped wood in grove a little while. a. & a and France in p.m.
Jo in eve.
Eve. Mr. & Mrs. L. L. Sears 40th Wedding Anniv.

Sun. 30, bed 8 – 11 a.m. S.S. first Sunday in the intermediate: Reese Young Flocher & Murbach had all answers written. Talked about organizing class.
To Lake Ave. with Ray & Miss Sears. 22 present.
Jo to " " " " " " in eve.
Bed 5 – 8:30

Mon 31 colder windy.
Eve. Local Union Exec. Com. Mtg. nobody came.

Tues. February 1st colder 4° F.
Eve. Harold came on 6:50 train
Eli and I met him and I went down afterwards with hand-sled for his trunk.

Wed. Feby. 2nd. cold Ground hog day

a.m. shelled corn.

Thurs 3. cold. 7° below 0 last night

hydrant frozen up and broken. got water from cistern instead. Opening oysters.

Harold Marion & Estelle to Oberlin in p.m.

Fri 4 warmer. S wind.

a.m. cut some from stack. Eli &

Ike hauled it to barn w [illegible] wagon.

Eli took corn to [illegible] mill.

Kids did not have to go to school except

Keyes & [illegible]

Sat 5 a.m. we sawed wood [illegible]

Sun 6 Beautiful clear day. [illegible]

S.S.

Lake Ave. 20 [illegible]

Father failing.

Mon 7 a.m. down town to get [illegible] to fix hydrant. Harold to Cleveland

eve. Exec. Com. Local C.E. Union. Elwin Oakes of Kidgeville appointed Chairman. go here over night

Tues. 8 a.m. [illegible]

Very warm raining some. Harold back.

Mr & Mrs. Hubert Day here [illegible]

Wed. 9 a.m. [illegible]

bought [illegible]

eve. [illegible]

[illegible] 7:30

[illegible] here in eve.

Thur. Oct. 10th 1895. warm muddy
chop. [illegible] [illegible], split some wood.
hitched up horse and went down to Ingersoll's
law office and got him to go up to
John Ryan's to take acknowledgement of
quit claim deed. he wasn't ought to be
[illegible]

Fri. 11 warm rainy.
got up 2:30 p.m. took [illegible] [illegible]
for Oberlin. got there for Chapel a
little late. Annie's to supper. with
[illegible] to Oratorical contest. Leroy ΦΔ first
Frank Wilford [illegible] [illegible] home 10:

Sat 12 [illegible] home in eve.

Sun. 13. S.S. then right down to lake. [illegible] in
[illegible] to Mr. Norton's funeral. No S. at L.A.
Harold & [illegible] went to 2nd Cong. Ch. in eve.

Mon. 14 a.m. took Ingersoll up to Ryans and
got quit claim signed & acknowledge
and gave [illegible] father receipt in full.
Stopped at Rich's and asked him to bring
us a load of wood.
little colder. bed 1:30 p.m.

Tues. 15 growing colder. storm & wind increasing
regular blizzard at eve.
p.m. to East side school to see [illegible] Smith.
wrote CE notices for papers.
saw Love about getting Bapt. Ch.
eve: Co. S.S. Exec. Com. mtg at Chapel NIT
wrote letters to S.S. [illegible] all night.

Wed. Feb 16" cold very got up 4:00 p.m. went to see Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Bath, Mrs. Warnock on C.E. Union.

Thurs. 17 Growing warmer.

a.m. to E.H.S. to see Miss Evans. See Mrs. Fred Warnock on C.E. business.

Eve. saw misses Smith & Haines after prayer meeting.

Father worse in eve. Rain most of night.

Fri. 18 a.m. called on Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Bath and Geo. Philpott on C.E. business. Father worse at noon. Chas. has lain on little bed in Father's room last few nights, and been up with me a great deal.

Sat. 19 Feb. 1898

Father passed away at 1:30 this a.m. Chas. Marion Nettie. Harold and I were with him. He was partly unconscious much of time for days before, as result of opiates given on account of the pain. Death seemed to be gradual lack of breath. Threw his arms around Charlie's neck repeatedly.

I went for [illegible] immediately. Harold & I went to telegraph office & sent message to [illegible] & [illegible]. Charley is very much used up. He went to [illegible] in morning and soon came back with [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible].

Then went to bed 5 a.m. and stayed till noon but did not sleep any.
Irving and Lizzie made all arrangements for funeral.

Sunday Feb. 20 18. rain turning to snow in p.m. Only the boy went to church. I taught my S.S. Class. In p.m. Harold & I walked up to Geo. Rich's to practise hymns for funeral. The girls want us to sing.
eve. We all read Bible together after supper, each choosing a chapter as in days of old. Then Geo. & Bessie came in after church and we three practised our hymns a little more.

Mon. 21. trees very beautiful with snow. a.m. getting ready for funeral.
practised hymns at Miss Monroe's 10:30
Funeral 2 p.m. Mr. Bradmus read scripture and prayed. no remarks.
Hymns, "Lead Kindly Light"
"Moment by Moment"
and "The Homeland."
Chas. & I. Jo & Eli. Lizzie & Harold were bearers.

Mr. Rich came down & got dinner for us. Cora Baker drove clear of from home, stayed all day helping and drove back at night as tomorrow a holiday. Abbie Brooks Fleming came out in morning from Cleveland and was very kind. Chas. Rich came from Toledo.

Eve. Marion read aloud to us.

Tues. Feb. 22. Trees still covered with snow. Marion Root had to have an operation performed on her ear last night seems better today.
a.m. wrote S.S. Supts. Went to see Fern Smith. stopped at Uncle Eliabs on way back. Charley there & stayed to dinner.
p.m. wrote S.S. Supts.
called on Mrs. Fred Hancock Cl.
Chas. to Richs in P.M.

Hal arrived 9 p.m.
Harold departed midnight.

Wed 23. a.m. Chas & I cleaned privy
I went down town. paid bills. etc.
p.m. Chas & I pitched over manure at barn. U.S. Root here a.m.
Eve. Chas & I to town. He bought rubber boots & mittens. I consulted Dr. D.L.B.

Hal to Cleveland a.m.
Marion to Cl. p.m.

Thurs 24. a.m. Chas. to Richs. I took notices to papers and sample to be [illegible] Shelled corn.

p.m. took [illegible] to mill. Harl came over from Cleveland spent afternoon.

Fri. 25. colder. a.m. Chas & I to Rich's haul manure while Geo. fixed up our tools. Chas stayed to dinner. I down town got [illegible] axe handles. Flock Horned Larks in meadow p.m. till 2 same as a.m. Then to woods lot cutting. snow some. [illegible] to Oberlin in p.m. Harl also.

Sat. 26. Chas. Ely and I to woods a.m. and p.m. [illegible] home in eve.

[illegible] 27. Took notices of C.E. Annual Mtg. to Churches. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] present. [illegible] in our Ch. [illegible]

Mon. 28. a.m. Harl came from Cleveland. [illegible] up posters for annual Mtg. Telephoned to Oberlin for [illegible] [illegible] 150 [illegible] Oakes [illegible] Harl to Oberlin p.m. [illegible] Monkeyed about Ann'l Mtg all day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] night.

Tues. March 1st. cold nights [illegible] [illegible] middle of day. Chas & I to woods [illegible]

"Eve. wrote acc[illegible] of C.E. mtg. and took it to Republican. (they did not print it).

Wed March 2 very stormy.
a.m. Chas & I at [illegible]. took up feed cutter for him to repair.
went to town with E.
Horned Lark p.m. to woods. [illegible] [illegible] about home feed cutter
Eve. to see Dr. Z. got bottle of Malt for constipation. C.E. Social

Thurs. 3rd. Woods all day.
very cold night.

Fri 4. Woods all day, cut down the great hollow beech. In a.m. saw a muskrat swimming under the ice in the ditch.

Sat 5 Ethel's birthday. Woods all day Chas Ely & I. In a.m. Geo. K. also trying his new saw.
Eve. to 2nd Cong. Ch. Choir mtg.

Sun. 6. S.S. & Lake Ave. Ray told me about his father & home affairs & asked my advice as to his own duty to stay at home or go and do the best he could for himself.
C.E. mtg on Sabbath question. Louis Hecock led. Eve. service at 2nd Ch. w. Ray. Wannamaker preached on I Cor. 1: 22-24 "Jews require sign; Greeks seek wisdom, we 'preach'"

Mon 7 Mar. 98 warmer.
woods all day Chas & I. finish big beech
Robin Meadow Lark Bluebird

Tues. 8 warmer. road getting very bad.
* We begin going without breakfast
by vote of family.
woods all day. tough elm tree.
Robins Meadow Larks Bluebirds
Song sparrows Killdeers
On way home went to Hill lot & dug Salsify & Parsnips.
Marion taught Miss Sears' classes in H.S. today.
Wed 9. warmer springy
woods all day, Hensons were after
a quirrel. Robins numerous
Meadow Larks Bluebirds Song sparrows
Killdeers. Saw a small flock 25 Crow-
Blackbirds flying over towards east.
Eve. started for Lake Clove but too muddy.
Thurs. 10. Warm. springy.
Woods all day. -
Examinations at School.
Fri. 11. Eli not in School: did not have to take exams.
Chas. Eli & I to woods in a.m.
in p.m. a little rainy & we went to Georges, got
tools sharpened & sawed logs at his door yard.
5 Wild Ducks circled around the pond several
times & then went off. heard Blackbirds
Sat 12. a.m. Chas. Eli. Geo. & I to woods.
p.m. Chas Eli & I walked up to woods.
more rainy. rain considerable at night.

Large flight of Wild Geese 75 or so flying north west. Flushed a Woodcock!

Juncos.

Sunday Mch. 13 [illegible]

[illegible] S.S.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mon. 14 Chas [illegible]

[illegible] afternoon. [illegible]

[illegible] off the [illegible] [illegible] hand. Eve. [illegible] No breakfast for 1 month

Tel. phone put in our house.

Tues. 15. Rain [illegible] of day.

Woods in a.m.

p.m. [illegible] S.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible] just starts for [illegible] Co. [illegible] his father is there. Republican primary election. polls open 4 to 8.

Eve. Exec. Com. of [illegible] S.S. Assoc.

4 Mourning Cloaks. [illegible]

Redwing.

Wed 16 Fair. [illegible]

a.m. [illegible]

[illegible]

p.m. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] stock.

Eve. [illegible] called [illegible]
am. [illegible] to C. E. [illegible]
[illegible] back with [illegible]
[illegible]

Wednesday, Mch. 17 1:78
[illegible] all day. [illegible] warm.
Aunt Albina [illegible]
J. E. Oakes called in eve.

Fri. 18 [illegible] day

Sat 19 Chas. [illegible] to woods all day.

Sun. 20 S. S. [illegible] Ella Coley [illegible] walked to [illegible] back by R. R. track.
C. E. [illegible] Emmet [illegible] talked on [illegible] & foolish [illegible]

Monday 21. Equinox. rain a.m. Chas & [illegible] stayed home. [illegible] cellar, tore down old chicken house. p.m. to woods. Eve. to see [illegible] Mason & A. E. Miller talked of [illegible] house.

Tues. 22. a.m. Chas. & [illegible] to [illegible] oak [illegible] in [illegible] pasture. p.m. walked to woods. Here [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Wed 23 Mch 98 colder
horses left hock very lame & swollen.
Chas & I picked out all the salable
potatoes in cellar ; 10 bu. Rural
of N.Y. and 4 bu. Early Puritan
and sold them at the Andover hotel
at 60 cts a bu. $8.40
Marion went to Merlin in p.m.
Baby all well.

Thurs. 24 a.m to woods - walked. horse worse,
p.m. sang at funeral of Hiram Patterson
sawed up old boards in wood shed.

Fri. 25 woods all day. Fair, frost
Eve. Junior Exhibition Eli. a..
Ralph Fay & Cora Baker.
Annie & her Marion here to dinner
Annie and Jo here in eve. to
Junior Ex.

Sat 26. Chas. Eli. Ike & I woods all day.
walked up. horse very lame.
Winter Wren.

Sun. 27. rain. S.S. [illegible]
Ray & I walked to [illegible], [illegible]
24 present. Review,
C.E. Conseer. meeting.
3rd Church in eve. with Ray.

Mon 28. rain some in a.m. Went to see Dr. Mayo
about horse. bandaged [illegible]
p.m. Chas. Eli & I to woods.
Vacation,
Chewink. [illegible]

Tues. Mch 29. cooler.
Chas Eli & I to woods all day.
Horse no better. Kids kept up the
hot water treatment all day.
Eve. C.E. Social.
Wed. 30. [illegible] Hill lot.
[illegible] up old [illegible] on flat.
[illegible] up [illegible] [illegible] trees.
Eve. A.Y.A. [illegible] [illegible] De Kick & family
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the
summer & want [illegible] to go [illegible].
The boys ate supper all alone. Nit & Marion
sup. at chapel. We played "[illegible]"
Thurs. 31. Hill lot all day.
trim trees & clear up.
"Right" (grey heifer) to [illegible] bull.
Helped Geo. get a load of truck from
Cobbs house.
Marion & Nit invited out to supper.
Hot water treatment kept up on the
horse until tonight. Sore "broke" last
night. Pus runs out all the time.
Fri. April 1st. 1898. Eli sick. stomach.
Chas & I Hill lot trim trees.
Azariah & Frances here to dinner.
Sat 2. A.M. I went to Chapel to send off Cuban Relief
but could not find the things. Wrote S.S.
letters.
p.m. hill lot with End. Chestnut trees.
saw Ge on Electric car. he went to Lorain

with a crowd of Oberlin fellows. stopped home 2 minutes in eve on bus very briefly.

Sun. Apl 3 1898 ground white w. snow in a.m. S.S. Lake Ave. alone. Roy went to Cornville S.S. to visit. They want him there for supt.
Was asked to sing in our Church male Quartette this eve, Harry Davies sick.
Miss Slaughter of Santee Agency spoke at C.E.

Mon. 4. a.m. went to Chapel & packed barrel of clothing etc for Cuban relief work took it to freight depot on wheelbarrow. p.m. Hill lot trim at south end. Election day. colder in p.m.

Tues 5 Very cold. Keyes [illegible]
a.m. Chas. & I shell corn 6 bags. I went down asked mill to come & get grist for us. Went to freight depot.
p.m. Hill lot finished trim trees.
Eve. Exec. Com. Co. S.S. Assn.
Jo came. candy. He found my "Golden Rules" for me.

Wed 6. Hill lot. cutting up apple [illegible]
got 2 settings of eggs from [illegible] set 2 hens.
Walter Davies called in eve. about practice
Went to Oberlin in p.m. back [illegible]

Thurs 7 a.m. Zee. hauled manure from 43 to hill lot. 2 wagons running.
p.m. Chas & I to wood lot. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] began [illegible] [illegible]
Fri. Apl 8. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] weather, roads good.
horse still lame.
a.m. wood lot trim trees.
noon. Harold arrived from Chicago.
I borrowed [illegible] horse to bring up his baggage.
p.m. wood lot.
eve. Choir at [illegible] [illegible]
Sat 9 a.m. Chas. & [illegible] to [illegible] lot. I [illegible] home. do odd jobs & took Harold's baggage to depot. He left at noon for Lockport N.Y. where he spends Sunday then goes to N.Y. to sail for Venezuela on the 16th.
p.m. all the wood lot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
eve. Choir. Bank for Chas. bought a white shirt for self. 75^{ct} and a pair of pants for Chas.
Sun 10. Easter. [illegible] in Church [illegible] for Harry [illegible], S.S.
Lake View. 27 present. [illegible] to Coonville
C.E. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Council.
Mon. 11 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] slippers. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] while he [illegible].
eve calls inviting S.S. kids [illegible] for Easter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Robins begin to build nests. G.C. [illegible].

Tues. Apl 12, 1[illegible]. fair warm.
A.M. went to mill & got [illegible] bran
cut off [illegible] limbs in lane.
p.m. wood lot trimming.
On way home [illegible] [illegible]
Eve. S.S. class here at 43. and
Roy [illegible] class also. 21 kids. all
my boys except Logan & [illegible].
Marion gave them warm sugar and
dough nuts. pea-nut hunt. buzz,
sing hymns Etc.

Wed 13. clouding up.
trimming all day. Rode up in p.m.
horse does not go lame, but leg
is very big & stiff. Brought home
tools from woods. In p.m. I painted
the scars, on apple trees.
1st ship launched at Lorain today.

Thurs 14 a.m. I stayed home & got bedding from stack
p.m. hill lot. Geo. plowing at South end.
we dug the parsnips, cleared up bushes
& trees along south fence & burned them
and hauled 2 loads wood.
Roads dusty.
G C Kinglets. Adder tongues in blossom.
Chas. cut down English Streak Apple tree after supper.

Fri. 15 a.m. wood lot. Chas. trimmed
I painted scars.
p.m. Chas & I painted scars at hill lot.
home early & cut up Eng. Streak tree.
Geo. plowing & sowing oats. hill lot.

Sat. April 16. 1898.
a.m. [illegible] burning brush
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] finished
[illegible] [illegible] S. end hill lot
[illegible] Plowed some at N. end.
p.m. All [illegible] at hill lot planting
potatoes N. end. Brought
home load of wood.
Sun. 17. slight showers in a.m.
S.S. and Church.
[illegible] rode to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of their horse
for Miss [illegible] & Miss Stein.
[illegible] taught class of boys.
C.E. mtg. Song Home of Rest. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Gospel Song Service
Mon. 18. showers in a.m.
[illegible] to farm all day. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] home all day. Put up old shed for
the summer. [illegible] up [illegible]
[illegible] Down town in p.m. to see
about [illegible] program of S.S. Conv.
Ruby Crown Kinglet. G.C. Kinglet.
Cherry & Peach blossoms. also [illegible]
apple leaves partly out.
Tues. 19. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Wed 20 Apl. 98
Geo. hauling manure from [illegible] lot
two wagons, three loaded wagons, [illegible] haul.
I was at Geo's to dinner.

Thurs 21 Geo finished hauling manure.
9.30 till noon I mailed the programs
of [illegible] to Supts.
p.m. Chas & I to [illegible] lot trimming.
Eve. prayer mtg led by C.E. pres. Eva Haines
after it went to Pres. & Bapt Ch. and
called at 7 [illegible] Stark w. programs.
Got some [illegible] at [illegible], and set a hen
Fri. 22. a.m. Chas to Uncle Elisha's. expects
to go to Kan. monday
Geo & I got [illegible] at Elson [illegible]
to E.W's & [illegible] manure at [illegible].
p.m. we [illegible] fencing.
Eve Chas & I to Oberlin [illegible].
Sat 23 rain all day
sprouted potatoes
p.m. called at [illegible], not home.
Eve. Marion & [illegible] home from Oberlin.
Sunday 24 cloudy cold.
Sermon on Balaam. S.S.
Mr. Hulls' first Sunday at [illegible]
19 present. appointed Com. for anniversary.
C.E. Con. Mtg. prayers for the boys* who
are going to war, [illegible] home w. [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~.

Monday Apl 25 95. cloudy, cold.
26 boys from Elyria started for war.
farewell speeches by ministers etc at
Armory. big crowd see them off.
letter from Wi. Chas not going to
Kan. immediately.
Chas & I help Geo. fencing.
Barn Swallows. R.C. Kinglets. [illegible]
Pear tree blossoms. Chippy.
Eve. to see Dr Sherwood
practice for memorial day at G.A.R. hall
Tues. 26 helping Geo. fencing all day
Saw Sparrow hawk attack a robin in meadow
Eve. bought dozen eggs at Nuggers
set 2 hens one in wood shed with home eggs
one under bench in barn with Macy eggs
Nil [illegible].
Wed. 27 fairly warm. fair
finished Geo's fencing.
brot. home rest of wood from hill lot.
Eve. duplicating a letter at Cadman
office. Chas to E.Wis in eve.
Did [illegible] to go to Kan. in morning
Thurs 28. Slight frost. fair
Chas. left for Kansas on 5 30 a.m. train
Geo & I fixing fence at [illegible] wood lot.
Eve. Met of Republican Com. for C.E. Conv.
House wren

Fri. Apl 29, '98 threatening
Geo. & I finished fencing at our wood lot.
eve. planted [illegible] at home.
We have 20 chicks hatched.
Directed 175 envelopes for A.M.A
collection.

Sat, April 30. fair warm
Geo. Burnham helped me trim
apple trees wood lot. $1.50 on his
pasture bill.
Eli hauled ashes onto pasture at home
cleaned out ash bin
Vireo. Bobolink Chimney swifts.
Marion came home from Oberlin

Sun. May 1. 1898 Marion 27 birthday. [illegible]
Church A.M.A. collection. I on committee
S.S. Lake Ave, started to wait
out (Bell [illegible]) and [illegible] [illegible].
25 present. [illegible] & [illegible].
C.E. in Court house basement,
Church & Chapel entirely pulled down.
Evening Ch. Gounod Concert.
Baltimore Orioles

Mon 2 a.m. rain.
worked for Geo. all day planting pot-
atoes and setting strawberry plants.
Summer Yellow Birds, Letter from Horace
Great Naval Battle yesterday at Philippine Is.
U.S. victory over Spain.

Tuesday May 3. 1898 cloudy cooler.
work f. Geo. all day planting potatoes.

Wed. 4 cloudy.
a.m. hauled [illegible] into home garden.
trimmed trees in garden. burnt
brush [illegible] etc.
p.m. Geo. plowed our garden.

Thur. 5 rainy drizzly all day.
a.m. fixed pasture fence at home
10 a.m. Maine went to Bank. got the
$3000. Insurance money
p.m. looked over Father's garden seeds.
fixed fence. Shelled corn.
turned Black & Night out in orchard

Fri. 6. cold clearing
Co. S.S. Conv. at Lorain all day & eve.
Saw Mrs. Bacon Mother of Lou & Laura.
Riding home at night on car we sang War Songs.

Sat 7. cold clearing [illegible]. I went to Lorain
again all day
a.m. Kids burned brush at wood lot
Geo. harrowed our garden at home.
News came of Dewey's official report of
battle in Philippines. 11 Spanish ships destroyed
no U.S. ships disabled. no U.S. men killed
p.m. Kids [illegible] at home.

Sunday May 8. 1898 cold, fair.
Church am. S.S.
Miss [illegible] [illegible] 19 present
Met [illegible] C.E. subj. on [illegible]
Eve. service on Patriotism. Report announced
that Sampson had defeated Spanish fleet
on atlantic & taken Porto Rico.
Mon 9 fair warmer frost in night
a.m. sold [illegible] 25¢ asparagus 11¢
got seed drill from [illegible]. Sowed beets
and carrots on middle land of garden.
p.m. N½ S land 2 rows of N [illegible].
then a row W part onions E part Salsify.
Eve. Miss [illegible] David called. wants Quartette for C.E.
Mildred Day here.
8 Quartette practice for Memorial Day.
Report of last night not confirmed.
Tues 10 warmer. rain [illegible] in p.m.
garden at home all day. plant potatoes
etc. spade flower garden. transplant ash tree.
Rose breasted Grosbeak singing
Wed 11 warm. good shower in p.m.
a.m. Wood lot. [illegible] Then
carry brush. Burnham had worked an
other day [illegible]
p.m. rain. fixed poultry yard fence.
Eve. called on Mrs Porter for [illegible] [illegible]
Quartette at 8 [illegible] here.
Kingbirds
Thurs. 12 a.m. finish poultry yard cut R.NY potatoes
p.m. burn brush wood lot. Geo. Burnham

said we would turn her cow in tomorrow
Crested Flycatcher.
Eve. called on [illegible] Brown.
Quartette [illegible] Hall.

Fri May 13 [illegible]
a.m. [illegible] 2 rows potatoes E½ S. land.
C. E. Convention (Lorain Co) Disciple Ch.
Misses Black Birdseye, & Hinman of Oberlin entertained at our house.
p.m. after Conv. plant 1 row beets W½ S land
burn brush in grove.
Hide-nest hen has 9 chickens
other hen has 10.
Eve. to Conv.
First female Oriole

Sat May 14 Sunrise Mtg. CE Conv. 6:30 Eli & I
a.m. Eli Nelson & I to wood lot burn brush.
p.m. Eli Keyes & I " " lot. Burnham finished trimming. We finished burning brush and painting scars. All done
trees in full bloom.
On way home stopped at Hill lot. Trim up an evergreen tree. Potatoes just coming up.
Ike began taking care of Musgy's cow
he is to get $5 = a mo.
Our cows in pasture this p.m. 1st time.
Scarlet Tanager male & female.

Sun 15 Orchard [illegible] cloudy.
S.S. John Tate [illegible].
[illegible] 26 [illegible].
I taught 1 boy. " made a [illegible]
[illegible] up.

C.E. Temperance mtg. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Decoration [illegible] song "[illegible] [illegible]".
[illegible] there & spoke of "Good Templars".
Eve. sermon on Joshua.

Mon May 16 warm rain. p.m. [illegible]
a.m. [illegible] to see [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
Uncle E H [illegible] me to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Spoke to [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible].
p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
gave us some [illegible] & [illegible].
Weeded out the asparagus beds. & peas,
trimmed some pear trees.
Wht throat Sparrows.

Letter from Harold from Hayti.

Tues 17 fair cold [illegible]
[illegible] out manure from [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] asparagus, [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] in
[illegible] middle of South [illegible]. Planted
sweet corn SW and NE parts of S [illegible].
Spaded round bed where [illegible] [illegible] was
near [illegible] Tree and put on [illegible] manure
& planted [illegible] [illegible] watermelons. aft.
[illegible] made [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
8 p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] from Kansas [illegible] 2 [illegible]

W 18 [illegible] ? p.m. S wind warm rains
a.m. garden. plant radishes [illegible] &
Coffee beans. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Medina
State Assoc. Cong. Ch. Uncle E H brought
[illegible] [illegible] Genealogy.
p.m. [illegible] [illegible]. plant corn. rain.
Eve. took Right to Bulls.
[illegible] [illegible]

Thurs. May 19 1898 rain. warm.
a.m. took yellow [illegible] "Hanita" to wood lot pasture. dust back
[illegible] stone wood & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
plants. Split wood.
p.m. Sang at funeral of Henry Rimbach
called for [illegible] and money & other [illegible]
Split wood.
eve. Geo. Rich here after prayer mtg.

Fri 20 rain. hot. Annie here to dinner
a.m. prepared ground and set out
strawberry plants planted Bush Lima
p.m. sang at funeral of Mrs Adams.
mother of Mrs Stough. Rode out on
[illegible] car. [illegible] out on [illegible] Spading. [illegible]

Garden Railroad 2 p.

Eve. Male chorus. [illegible] with Chas [illegible]

Sat 21 hot showers.
all of us work in garden. [illegible]
picking out witch grass roots. plant
string beans. trim gooseberry bushes
& black currants. dig up hyacinths
set out gladiolus. Chop up apple limbs.
Eve. cut Ike's hair.

Sunday 22 Rumor of naval victory at midnight
Big racket. warm. no rain.
S.S. Lake Ave. 31 present
C.E. voted to send flowers to Cleveland once a week.
Eve. service [illegible] Cong. Choir
Mrs. Farrell sang "Prodigal Son"

Monday May 23 1938
a.m. [illegible] for [illegible] but
too wet. Cultivated my potatoes at
hill lot. Eve. plowing at hill lot.
p.m. [illegible] & I plant corn for him.

Tues 24
finished planting [illegible]'s corn.
sang at funeral of old Mr Jerome
at 10 a.m. [illegible]
Marion sold our house & home
to E.K. Mussey & S.B. Day for $10,000.
We can live here 6 mo. longer.
Eve. practice for Memorial Day.

Wed. 25 [illegible]
a.m. [illegible] harrowed [illegible] ground at
hill lot and I planted corn.
p.m. finished plant corn, trimmed
off evergreen limbs.
Eve. led [illegible] C. E.
Bute has calf.

Thurs 26. Mopey [illegible]
[illegible] kicks when
milk her, spent most of a.m.
monkeying with her. [illegible]
p.m. helping [illegible] make
out [illegible] to Mussey & Day.
Eve. M. E. Ch. prayer mtg.

Fri 27 a.m. went to see [illegible] about plowing,
then work in garden.
p.m. to Register's office. Made an Abstract
of Title to the home place for Mussey

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Massey and Day
Eve. Practice for Memorial Day.

Sat 28 Sat. a.m. all kids to Hill lot hoeing & bugging potatoes. burned brush from evergreens. caught in rain in p.m.
Annie & 2 kids here to dinner.
Jo. came 9 p.m.

Sun. 29 Bapt Ch. late. S. S.
Old Mr Bryant went to Lake Ave for me. I sang at Memorial Day.
Led. C. E. Mtg on Xian Growth.

Mon 30 Decoration Day.
a.m. Called on Carrie Hamilton at office and delivered Sec.'s Cross book & papers of Co. S. S. assn. Garden.
Ike & Cl[illegible] work garden. Eli, Keyes and Jo to Oberlin with wagon load of books etc.
p.m. Sang at Memorial services at Opera House.
work in Garden. Eli home 5 o'clock

Tues 31 fair cold night, hot day.
planting corn for Geo. at our wood lot he putting it in on shares.
Geo. plowing at wood lot.
Eve. Ray, Miss March & I rode to Coonsville. A J Reed began series of meetings there.

Wed. June 1st 18[illegible]. hot
a.m. finished planting corn on south strip East of ditch at wood lot.
p.m. cultivated home garden
3 p.m. to wood lot planted corn on north strip east of ditch.
S strip was marked one way took more than a whole day to plant. N strip marked both ways. only took 2 hours to plant.
Eve. to Lake Ave.

Thurs. 2. hot
a.m. hoe corn & squashes in garden.
put hellebore on currants.
p.m. after school Ike [illegible] & I went to hill lot. planted Rural N.Y. Potatoes. 5 rows East side of flat.
Eve. to D C Baldwin's & E N M's on A.M.A. bus,

Fri. 3. hot. a.m. [illegible] over the little potatoes for planting. Went to Bank and sent off A.M.A money.
p.m. Ike (got excused from School after first period) and I to hill lot plant potatoes 13 rows on flat. Early Puritan
Eve. to Lake Ave. [illegible] for Anniversary
Miss Wingate here

Sat 4. a.m. [illegible] work in garden [illegible]
I went to [illegible] to [illegible] my [illegible] for [illegible]
p.m. [illegible] to H S Field Day. [illegible]
& I [illegible] to hill lot. Plant

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4 rows beets 1 row carrots on flat
dosen planted pumpkins in corn.
Hoed potatoes.
Eve. Ed. & Ike swimming
Sunday June 5. Communion service.
Took Harry Fuller Mr & Mrs Clark join Ch.
Collection for Educ. Soc.
S.S. only 4 boys. spoke of joining Ch
Lake Avenue. 24 Anniversary. Ike and
Mr Bryant rode down with me. very dusty.
Eve late to Meth. Y.P. mtg. roll call
Eve. sermon by Cadmus on David.

Mon. 6. hot. a.m. cultivated home garden,
sowed onion seed w. drill. p.m.
flower garden. Sumner Day had city-
surveyor here. told me not to
count on south strip.
Eve. to Oberlin to conference of C.E.
workers of County.
Tues. 7 a.m. planted salsify & parsnip
on flat at hill lot. Cultivated the
potatoes there. Blain borrowed drill.
p.m. set out tuberoses

Wed 8 Harl's Wedding Day
Planting potatoes for Geo. Rich
staid there to dinner. p.m. heavy
rain. cutting potatoes. Peddler.
Eve. set out cabbage plants.
We telegraphed congratulations to Harl.

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Thursday, June 9' 1898. hot.

a.m. Transplant ... melons ... a couple hours. Then to ... plant potatoes ... Then to dinner. Key on there in p.m. helping.

Eve. Called on Brown ... and Beckert.

Fri. 10. rain rain rain.

a.m. set out tomatoes E ½ of N land. Then to hill lot set out 56 cabbage plants on flat.

p.m. weeding in garden, picking over beans for seed.

Eve. new Exec. Com. of C.E. met to choose committees. present Mrs Maria Lickorish, ..., Phipps, Sutcliff (Ruby). Misses Foley & Miller, ... Roy & I sat on verandah lounge till late.

Sat. 11. a.m. ... put paris green on hill lot early potatoes. put it on dry with lime. Eli & Keyes weed carrots. p.m. weeding in garden. Roy here to talk w Marion & ask advice. Eli mow lawn & went to Oberlin 4:40 to spend Sunday with ...

I mow grass ... of house

Sun. 12 Children's Day, Cadmus preached to children. No S.S. ... 21 present. Big rain during S.S.

Bapt. Y.P. mtg. ... Cadmus preached on Sabbath ...

Monday June 13. 1898 Rain.

S. R. Day here early. Said surveyor was to meet him here, but did not come on acct. of rain. Began work on drain (sewer) for his street, at river. Said he would have to tear down pasture fence & we must get cows out of the way. Also if we want the grass on South strip must cut it now.

a.m. to Eso. grind scythes. Etc

p.m. to wood lot. fix fence, down at east end, by Hensons.

Crelly puts horse in wood lot tomorrow.

Tues. 14 a. m. [illegible] [illegible] grass South [illegible].

Mary [illegible] came from [illegible]

[illegible] and Nelson and I went to 11:[illegible] train and met [illegible] and Kena.

p.m. A and A & France and Jo here.

[illegible] [illegible] rain. I cocked up the grass just in time. Kids went in shower bathing.

[illegible] sat on porch .. same.

Wed. 15. Work in garden. hauled in [illegible] of grass. Standen borrowed wagon.

[illegible] Eli went to Uncle Ebabs to see about buying a [illegible] bicycle.

I got letter from [illegible] [illegible] Co. about a position at Oklahoma City.

Had a letter Monday from Irving about it. He recommended me to them.

Thur. June 16. a.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
garden. p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
station [illegible] [illegible] Harl & Rena [illegible] [illegible]
there on their [illegible].
Eve. called on [illegible] (m), [illegible] [illegible]
and Frank [illegible].

Fri. 17 a.m. cultivated corn at hill lot
Harl & Rena came up there on wheels.
p.m. garden. H & R to Ches. back in
eve. with [illegible].

Sat 18 a.m. to hill lot finish cultivating corn, brought
cultivator home & cultivated carrots etc.
9:40. Big Family Picnic to Lake. All of us
except Net who works at Library, Uncle Eli's folks
& Geo. Rich's folks & Lizzie DeWitt Went
down on Electric car. Glendenning's Beach. Swim.
Sail boat. Ship yard. I came home at 4 p.m.
to do chores & go to go to Chesline.
Harl & Rena to O in eve. to spend Sunday.

Sun. 19 SS only 5 boys. Lake [illegible], with [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. 17 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Roy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible].

Mon. 20 a.m. plant potatoes for [illegible].
p.m. " " " " [illegible] culti-
vate potatoes at hill lot. caught in
slight rain.
Killdeer's nest in potato field 2 eggs.

Tues. 21 a.m. hoe potatoes hill lot
p.m. down Lake Ave. w Harl's [illegible]

called on Bienbach, Haag, Higgins, Wall
field, Kelle, Mattison, Gerber.
C.S. Nichols bought the White face
cow "Henrietta" for $30.-
Eve, called on Yeaberger & Rice.
Wed 22 a.m. cult. corn wood lot for Geo.
p.m. trim hedge hill lot.
Letter from Deming. Orville. got anoth
man. Eve. H.S. Commencement. I
did not go. Joe here. to see about
getting work on new church.
Thurs 23. a.m. trim hedge hill lot. finish
p.m. cultivate potatoes. " flat
Mary Wi here. John Carrie & Ruth
arrive from Alabama. Hurl & Kim
from Chi in eve. Call on C. Flocher
Fri. 24 a.m. Mow grass w scythe.
S.B. Day begin plowing street. His
man & I move pasture fence.
10.20 a.m. Big Family Picnic
Elect. cars to Roots. A.A. join.
dinner in Roots front yard. Swim 2
Mary left early 4 p.m. for Wellington
Eve Alumni Mtg. Harl sang. didnt go.
Sat 25 a.m. Eli & Nelson pick potato bugs
at hill lot. Franklin & I plant
Harl's Birthday 31 beans at wood lot. Great rain. we
went to Hardaway's house.
p.m. Eli & Ike finish bugs
I plant 1 land beans
Keyes went to Aunt Sarah's for week.

Sunday June 26 1898

S.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] very fine. Hart sang "[illegible] all the tidings." Lake Ave. Mrs. Adams rode down with me. 26 present.

Carrie Norton there.

C.E. Consecration mtg.

Eve. sermon (?) a [illegible] of [illegible].

Hart sang "the mistakes of my life are" a favorite hymn of Father's.

After Ch. we talked & sang at home till 11 o'clock. good.

Mon. 27 cult. corn for Geo.

8:30 a.m. Whole family up to Hill lot to select building site

Stayed at Keck's to dinner. Wm. A. Bowen & wife (T. Spencer) of Honolulu, O.C. 78 were there. Great rain in p.m. Geo. & I went into house & listened to Mr Bowen talk & then studied on plan for our new barn. Eve. barn plans. W. S. Allen here

Tues. 28 a.m. met Allen at Hill lot & staked out barn 18 × 26 ft. Dug potatoes where barn is to be. Shell corn. p.m. Eli & I to wood lot. I plant beans. then both cut suckers off of apple trees. trimmed whole orchard then to hill lot & bugged potatoes. Eve. C.E. business mtg. too late. called on Henry, Fozier, Dumas, Murbach.

Wed. June 29 1898 hot.
a.m. cultivate at hill lot.
Allen has 3 men & 2 teams excavating for the barn. Eli cultivating at wood lot w. Geo. he stayed to dinner at Geo's.
p.m. Geo. mowing at wood lot orchard. Eli mow w. scythe.
I sang at funeral of Henry Ingersoll's baby. then worked garden. John to Wellington on wheel.
Eve. took flowers for Cleveland hospital.

Thurs 30. a.m. Ike & I to hill lot cultiv. potatoes plant beans, sweet corn & cucumbers, hoe beets. Eli to wood lot w. Geo. mow w. scythe.
p.m. John Eli Ike & I wood lot. Geo. finish mowing among trees. [illegible] mow with scythe. rake & cock that wh. was mowed first. Terribly hot. Eve. called on Brown & Tite.

Friday July 1. 1898. very hot
a.m. hoe garden till 9 then all to wood lot mow, cock & turn & bring home load stove wood.
p.m. rake & cock rest of hay. then to hill lot. cut a little wheat & dug a few potatoes near barn.

Sat 2 hot hauled the hay in wood lot [illegible] & stacked it. then all but John to hill lot hoe potatoes last part of p.m. Jo home in Eve. Mareen treated us all to ice cream at lawn fete

given by Mrs. [illegible] S.S. Class for benefit of soldiers. John & family to [illegible]

Sunday July 3. very hot!
only 2 boys at S.S.
19 at Lake Ave. 4 p.m. laying of corner stone of new Church. C.E. "Honoring parents". Roy & I to [illegible] Ch. in eve.

Mon. 4 cool. Jo & Roy tramp to [illegible]. Eli & children to Lake on elect. car. Ike walk to Lake. All back to supper bringing Keyes. I worked in home garden. Spanish fleet destroyed

Tues. 5. A.M. Jo to Oberlin.
Eli Ike Keyes & I hoe potatoes. John arrives
p.m. John & I cock hay for Geo.
Eli Ike & Keyes hoe potatoes

Wed. 6 a.m. Eli Ike Keyes & I hoe potatoes
John cock hay for Geo.
p.m. John & Eli & I " " "
Ike & Keyes hoe corn

Thurs 7 a.m. Eli Ike Keyes hoe corn
John & I haying for Geo.
p.m. Geo. [illegible] Eli & I [illegible] All of us haying for Geo. until 3.
Eve. [illegible] Lennie, [illegible], Henry, [illegible]

Fri. July 8 ... haying for Geo.
Eve. swimming ...

Rain in night.
Sat. 9 a.m. John & Ellis haying ... load hay in Allen's barn. Keyes to wood lot cultivate beans. then hoe at hill lot. Ike home.
p.m. cultivate home garden. Then John & I went up & set up wheat for Geo.

Sun. 10 only 4 boys at S.S. 25 at Lake Ave. 6 boys
C.E. Y.M. Committee mtg.
cool day.

Mon. 11 cool. a.m. hoe garden at home
p.m. John & Ellis on bicycles to ...
Ike & Keyes to hill lot hoeing.
I mow for Geo. with scythe
After milking spoke to Ike about C.E.
Eve. to Fred Peer's to practice Quartette for West Side Cong. Social

Tues 12 Geo. John & Ellis haying for E.W. in p.m.
Ike & I at hill lot all day working at barn filling in dirt around basement.
John & Ellis turn hay for Geo. a.m.
Eve. called on Griswold & Booker.
Wed 13 all haying for Geo all day.
Eve to ... Quartette

Thurs. July 14. hot again.
All of us work for Geo. haul wheat. two wagons gather load. Ike pitch on. I pitch off. Wilmot does bundles. Geo. stacks. Ike cook day.

Fri. 15. all haying for Geo. finish S.E. lot 2 loads by big barn 2 small ones, whole Allen's 1 loaded. well shed, 1 load home barn. 1 on wagon. Eve. to lawn fete by 2nd Cong S.S. $ill ay.

Sat 16 a.m. cultivate potatoes at hill lot. Will came along with his load of hay. then help him put it into hill lot barn. then home dig potatoes in garden.
p.m. put up the [illegible] hay at [illegible] lot in stack for Geo. On way home Geo. treated the crowd to ice cream.
Eve. called on Will Bell.

Sun 17 4 boys at S.S. [illegible] to [illegible] 15 [illegible]
big rain at 12 m. + drizzle
C.E. Missionary mtg., very fine. Harry Bierman the Y.M. Com. mtg.

Mon. 18 a.m. rain early. river high. Ike "shooting to fish" with Ken Mussey. Eli + I work garden weeding. p.m. to mill. got 4 bus. oats $1.40 (ours are all gone) and 200 lbs bran, see Dec. 20 and Apl 12. Collected $25 from Nichols for cow. then home. work garden.
Eli went to see Harry Bierman. candy [illegible]
Annie + Frances here. Eli [illegible] the [illegible] 1/3 bush.
Eve. called on Rollin Griswold.

Tues. July 19. 1921

a.m Eli & Ike & I to hill lot. got off & fixed hay & then to hill lot. I cultivate field. Eli work in barn cellar.

p.m. work garden. tie up morning glories etc. pick more beans.

Wed. 20 Eli & I work at barn cellar all day. Ike got some kindling & hoed.

Thurs. 21 Eli to Lake w. S.S. [illegible] & to stay at Aunt Sarah's. Ike & I hill lot. also in a.m. Hayes & Aldean [illegible]. & I shovel dirt. Eve. called on Blacks & Tobeys.

Fri. 22 Geo. cut oats at hill lot, a.m. John set up. I cut corn where house is to be.

p.m. Mr. [illegible] to hill lot to have staking out house. Geo. cut oats. John & I set up. John to supper at Park.

Eve. Ike & I to Mrs Bairds C.E. Committee & lawn fete.

Sat 23 monkeying at hill lot. cut some more corn. Ike dug 1 bus. potatoes, Ike got kindling. finished cleaning out barn basement. Allen staked out the house.

Sun 24 2 boys at S.S. [illegible] in middle of day. 21 at Lake Ave. good C.E. Meeting. Howard Coley stood up.

Mon. July 25

a.m. [illegible] work [illegible]

p.m. [illegible] potatoes. [illegible]

up Eve. sort potatoes, take [illegible] trunks

to depot. [illegible] married in Canton.

Eli home from Aunt Sarah's 6 p.m.

Tues. 26

Eli [illegible] S.S. picnic 8:15

go home 9. John make ice cream.

[illegible] sell 3 bus. potatoes & go to

hill lot to see [illegible].

A. & A's family here 11 a.m. dinner immed. They and [illegible] take 11:56 train

Start for Europe. We all & Aunt Albina

and Wilmot & family and Augustus & [illegible] at

depot to see them off.

p.m. dig potatoes alone. [illegible]

Eve, stuck up posters for Lawn fete.

Wed 27 a.m. all digging potatoes

p.m. [illegible] John

also for part of time. [illegible]

set the oats [illegible] 2 & was

not drying at all in the round shocks,

Stone work on new house [illegible]

1.S. hauling & cutting.

see [illegible] [illegible]

Thurs. 28 a.m. [illegible] potatoes

[illegible] flat [illegible] all [illegible]

flat. p.m. all hoe until rain

Reg rain 3 p.m.

eve. [illegible] [illegible]!!

Fri July 29 1898
a.m. sold 8 spring roosters to
Laundon for $2.60
Wrote to Fay Mfg Co. in response to a letter which
said they might have a position for me.
p.m. picked early pears. tree at
SW corner chicken yard. 3 bus.
Then John & Eli to Oberlin on
bicycles. I made more
posters for lawn fete.
Eve. Quartette practise at 43

Sat 30. a.m. rain early.
to hill lot for corn fodder
then put up posters for lawn fete
p.m. put the strawberry
plants in pots.
Eve lawn fete. Jo came

Sun 31 to Ch. late. John good
sermon on "Newness of Life"
7 boys at S.S.
Lake Ave on wheel 34 bros.
C.E. A S Upton spoke a little
Fischer and Kinnear there. Fischer [illegible]

Mon Aug 1. Chas birthday
a.m. sold 1 1/2 bus pears 60 cents
and 1 bus potatoes 50
took Bute to bull. NIT
p.m. all to weed lot. Eli cut
off suckers [illegible] beans
Eve kids to supper [illegible] lawn fete.

Tues Aug 2. 1898

a.m. all to [illegible] [illegible] hoe [illegible] till 10 a.m.

then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

p.m. hoe beans till 3 p.m. then to [illegible]

hoe potatoes. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wed. 3. [illegible] came in 7:00 [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on picnic [illegible]

to Monroe cottage where [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] good time

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Lake [illegible]

to iron bound [illegible] [illegible] after 3 p.m.

Marion [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with us.

Thurs 4 a.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] potatoes.

p.m. took " " " up [illegible] & set

them out. then [illegible] potatoes

Eve prayer mtg.

Fri Aug 5 [illegible] Wedding Anniversary

a.m. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] hoe potatoes

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

p.m. [illegible] " " "

I laid tile drain in basement of barn

eve. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them.

shut up [illegible] young roosters.

a.m. sold 9 roosters to [illegible] $2.00

John & family to [illegible] a.m. back in [illegible]

Sat 6. a.m. Eli & I hoe potatoes. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Eli [illegible] with [illegible]

p.m. John Eli [illegible] [illegible] haul [illegible]

John & I to [illegible] to [illegible], [illegible].

Sunday Aug 7 1898.

[illegible] preached on "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord." I taught [illegible] S.S. class doubled up.

32 present at Sah. Ave. decided on picnic for Wed. Putnam S. [illegible] C.E.

Went to [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] Heacock.

Mon 8. rain all a.m. wrote letters to Horace and [illegible]. p.m. to hill lot after corn fodder & put slug shot on cabbage then forked over manure pile.

Eve. Missionary mtg. address by blind Mr. Riggs of Turkey on Publication dept. of Mission work.

Tues 9 sold 3½ bus potatoes 1.35

all of us kids pick pears [illegible] tree out by pasture. Sold 3 bus at Fisherville 50 cts a bus.

p.m. pick pears. finish the tree.

Eve. call on Becker and spoke to S.S. Rockwood on street about Fay Co.

Wed 10. Sah. Ave. S.S. Picnic. Randalls Grove [illegible] drove me down to the School house 7:30 a.m. & I went with the crowd. at night I walked back from school house.

On way called on [illegible] Pearson.

Thurs 11. a.m. [illegible] opened oat [illegible] I went up to John Miller's on bicycle to see if he would take our Cyclone [illegible] to Cleveland. p.m. We began hauling oats

for Eva. and a [illegible] stopped us.
We went over to [illegible] lot [illegible] here &
went to digging a drain.
Eve. prayer mtg. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] came.
John took [illegible] Eli [illegible] down town & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] book.

Fri. 12 a.m. took 13 roosters (last of our
spring chickens) to Lownsons 29 lbs. at
9 [illegible] = $2.61. Got 2 bus. oats $1.00
All of us pick pears Tyson tree by garden
p.m. All pick pears " " in front yard.
Eve. Miller came and got Tyson pears
to take to Cleveland 31 bus. at 20 cts.
= $6.20. We killed & dressed
3 old hens.

Sat 13 big rain in night.
a.m. work in garden
p.m. sow radish & turnip seed in garden
then turnip at [illegible] lot.

Sun. 14 John preach at Wellington.
S.S. Jim Brown there. [illegible] Ave. 26 present.
C.E. good mtg. [illegible] [illegible].
Meth. Ch. [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] Jackson
of Columbus.

Mon 15. Eli [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
Elderberrying. took our dinner. went with
Belle horse. first to wood lot. then to [illegible]
Then west to Hell ridge. down hell ridge to
next cross road, then went into Russia Tp.
Then back East to Murray Ridge, then north

on Murray Ridge to R.R. crossing, then afoot up track a ways, then back around by covered bridge. Got all our baskets full

Tues. Aug 16
a.m. sold [illegible] bus. Tyson pears, [illegible] at [illegible]ville. All [illegible] picking [illegible] elderberries [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] read aloud [illegible] "[illegible] Loyal [illegible]".
p.m. finished elderberries. Picked pears that were left on big Tyson tree. Took [illegible] bus. to [illegible]ville, then to hill lot. Little kids picked up kindling wood. John [illegible] hauled a load of oats

Wed 17. a.m. rain. More reading aloud, same book.
p.m. all kids to hill lot. plant turnips.
eve. read aloud.

Thurs. 18. big rain in night.
a.m. went up to see Geo. about hauling dirt for grading around new house; finally engaged Tom Farmer.
p.m. all to hill lot. incl. John. rain. grading at barn & making road to haul stuff from river bed.
Eve. prayer mtg. rain

Fri 19 Hauling dirt from back of new barn to house. Tom Farmer[illegible].
a.m. Eli [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible]

Sat. Aug 20 hauling from barn yesterday
a.m. Eli John & 11 loads
p.m. Eli shovel 13
I was invited to dine & to [illegible]
John to Wellington in p.m.
Eve. Old Timers Quartette at Philpott's
store. Crehore here to funeral of
Chas. Cooley his father-in-law.
Jo came. Letter from Nettie & Annie.
Sunday 21 Jo taught my S.S. class.
Quartette drove to Brownhelm
to Cooley's funeral. Started 9:40
back 4:15. Then sang for Old
Mrs. Mallory.
C.E. Japanese lady spoke.
Saw Sam Bacon & Misses Ruth
and Lizzie(?) Bacon. Parlor and
dinner at Will Bacon's.
Mon 22 hot
a.m. T. Farmer hauling dirt from barn.
Ike Eli & I shoveling
p.m. hauling dirt from Early's 14 loads
eve. Elysian Quartette to Oberlin on 9:40
car to do some serenading. back
on 11:10 car
Tues. 23. hauling dirt from Early's
a.m. Tom Farmer with 2 wagons
Eli Ike & I shovel. began late 17 loads.
p.m. Geo Reid & T. Farmer 2 wagons
John Eli & I shovel. 32 loads
Car [illegible]

Wed. Aug 24 1910
a.m. working at Early's. L.F. & 2 wagons. Eli
& the shovel. stopped by rain.
p.m. John also. tremendous rain in middle
of p.m. Home. wrote letters etc.
Eve. patched my rubber boots.
Thurs. 25. a.m. wrote letters to [illegible] etc.
p.m. at shovel dirt or rather mud.
Fri. 26 shovelling all day. had some trouble
in a.m. getting a 2nd wagon.
Eve. to a social gathering at Mr. J. H.
Young's on Lake Ave. Geo. Rich took
9 nine of us down. bed 1 a.m. starving
Sat 27 shovelling all day. John p.m. only.
Mrs. Franklin Peet here to dinner
Eve. called on Wm. Dennis & wife. to
see son Robert.
Sun. 28 S.S. 5 boys. Lake Ave. with [illegible] and
Miss Sears. 36 present. 7 new scholars.
C.E. mtg. Plackbo boys join.
Mon 29 Shovelling at Early's
a.m. 12 loads. p.m. 11 loads.
quit at [illegible] o'clock on acct of big
thunder storm. Mow in front yard.
Eve. wrote letter to [illegible]
Tues 30. Family Picnic to Aunt Sarah's
Got up on spur of the moment.
Telephoned to [illegible] for Joe
The 6 boys took 9:20 car. John Marion
Carrie & Franklin [illegible] Heather [illegible]
Coming back all except John Carrie

Emily & Alden walked to [illegible]. Home at about 6. [illegible]

Wed. 31 a.m. pick tomatoes & bartlett pears at home.
p.m. John Eli & I on bicycle to Oberlin. I rode Emily's wheel. Eli & I visited Joe at Library while John did errands. Coming home my tire gave out. Had to push wheel half way.

Thurs. Sept 1. Threshing day.
Eli Ike & I help Blaine thresh 8:10 a.m. Then Geo.
Our wheat 13 bushels
Our oats 80 " "

Fri. 2 a.m. Eli shovel at Dinsiffe Ch. Geo. haul dirt from there to [illegible] lot. I put wheat in house except 4 bus. which I took to mill. Ike & I took 19 bud. oats & put in bin at new barn. Then went to see John Miller & Waldo Shepard about buying our bartlett pears!
p.m. Ike & I shovel at Dim. Ch.
John & family leave for South
big rain 6 p.m.

Sat. 3. a.m. all of us shovel at Early's. 5 loads
p.m. all pick bartlett pears

of Bartlett. 13 bus. Waldo
Shepard came over & loaded
them on his wagon. He will
take them to Berlin Monday.
Eve. Called on Yerbargers (not at home)
Griswold & Will Bell.
Geo. came home.

Sun. Sept 4 [illegible] Rain hard in a.m.
[illegible] in morning [illegible]
[illegible] Home. Only 3 boys at S.S.
[illegible] (rain) Sam Au[illegible]
& E present. C.E. meeting.
[illegible] at tab. Ch. [illegible].

Mon 5. a.m. at work garden [illegible] turnips
etc. sell tomatoes & corn.
p.m. hill top hoe turnips & strawberries
Marion & K & N walked up.
Eve Marion read "Prospector" aloud.
Tues. 6 School begins rain a.m.
Waldo Shepard came. He only sold
10 baskets of pears. Gave us $1. We
gave him the rest of the pears.
I mended pasture fence, Ike & I
to Geo. sharpen scythe and bring home
rest of the oats.
p.m. gather flower seeds & pull
weeds in garden.
eve. called on Rice boys.

Wed. Sep. 7. 1898 Nette's birthday 25 yrs.
much cooler.

a.m. pick tomatoes, pull weeds.
p.m. pick Lima beans, dig [illegible] bulbs.
Eve. pick flowers for C.E. Write letter to Nette.

Thurs. 8 Cold night. fair warm day.
a.m. began working on drain at new barn when Geo. came & wanted me to help shovel dirt at Ch. Finished the job.
p.m. A.C. Benedict rep. Herrendon Mfg Co. Steam Boilers here. 3:30 Nelson & I to hill lot. I work on drain.
Eve. called on Brown. saw John Tile on street. Went to Andrews kitchen to see Will Brown and to Topliff kitchen to see Jim "

Fri 9 Worked on drain at new barn all day.
Eve. C.E. business mtg. talk of raising $300. to furnish S.S. room for new Ch.

Sat 10 Wilder's birthday.
a.m. & p.m. Eli & I cut corn at hill lot Ike Keyes & Nelson hoe.
Eve. practise singing for funeral of Mr. J.B. Kinney killed by cars.

Sun. 11 My birthday 21 yrs old. They celebrated it with peanuts & candy and everything. Nette & Annie sent me a fine photograph of "Ilsenfälle" at Harburg. Eli and Marian gave me a good pocket knife. Beaut. day.

S.S. [illegible] with Ray & [illegible]
[illegible] Spider web [illegible].
On way back [illegible] water [illegible].
6:00 practice singing for funeral
C.E. Mtg. Mr. [illegible] gave out 5 ct pieces, to be
invested & brought in with money for new Church.
Dr. Knapp preached on Hid Treasure & Pearl of [illegible]
Mon. Sep. 12. 1898.
a.m. [illegible] ½ bu. tomatoes.
Marion decided on steam heat for new house.
Cut corn 3 hrs.
p.m. funeral of Mr. Kinney at Bapt. Ch.
Hair cut and singed by Ed Brown father of [illegible]
Talked with Walter Notley.
Eve. Called on Yaeburger. talked with Carl.
Tues. 13 a.m. finish cutting corn at hill lot.
then work on drain at new barn.
p.m. " " " " " "

Wed 14 [illegible] birthday 15.
a.m. worked on drain.
p.m. [illegible] finished the
drain and [illegible] a little.
Eve. [illegible] celebration. [illegible]
[illegible] Candy.
Chocolate [illegible], grapes. Reading
aloud.
Thurs. 15. Last picnic of the year.
To [illegible]
[illegible]

ways [illegible] and Ruth. [illegible] stayed down there.
Eve. Prayer mtg. and business [illegible] of S.S. [illegible] lesson each week.

Fri. 16. [illegible] haul load of hay and load of [illegible] to [illegible] and one load hay from [illegible] at wood lot to [illegible] barn. [illegible] pick beans at wood lot.

Sat 17 a.m. another load to new barn and one on wagon. Kids finish picking beans at wood lot.
p.m. load of hay to barn at 63
Kids pick beans at hill lot. We put all the beans in attic of new house.
Kids hoe. I cut hedge.
rain in eve.

Sun 18. S.S.
Lake Ave. Boys sign Temperance Pledge. took my birthday offering.
C.E. His name proposed for active member.
Evening service at 2nd Cong. Ch. Sermon on Ps. 103.3-5 Who forgiveth, healeth redeemeth satisfieth

Mon 19 a.m. pick tomatoes. sold ½ bus. Hill lot to trim hedge but [illegible] came along & I came home to show him the pears. said he would buy them.
Joe (just home from Lake) and I pick pears in tree SW corner of orchard. p.m. pick pears.

Eve Quartette at Miss Sears' to practice.

Tues. Sept 20. a.m. Joe Eli & I to wood lot get Seckel pears & windfall apples. Then I chop old boards in wood shed all the morning. Coon came for the pears at noon. 21 bushels Seckel Duchess & Pickering $ [illegible].

p.m. Joe & I look over new house. I cut hedge. Joe & Eli to Oberlin on bicycles. Joe took Fannie Roots wheel to O. for her.

Wed. 21 Equinox cold night, fair warm day. Cut hedge all day, north end Hill lot. Eve. Quartette at Miss Sears.

Thurs. 22 rain rain all the morning. Pitch manure and chop up rubbish.

p.m. write letter to Walt. Richards. went to see Jno Miller about renting potato digger. stopped at Earlys on way home.

Eve. saw Jno. Tite and Jim Brown.

Fri. 23 rainy. did nothing but [illegible] in the house. [illegible] S.S. work. Set desk in order. Scrap book, &c.

Eve. on Family paper. [illegible] place of [illegible]. Eli went to stay over night at Aunt Mallie's she is alone. Uncle Elijah in Kansas.

Sat 24 rainy. a.m. drove Marion up to new house. Eli & I began taking up the wire poultry fence. p.m. candy after dinner to celebrate Frances's birthday. Geo Rich here. asked for my account of work for him. We finished [illegible] fence

Eve. called on Howard [illegible]

Sun. 25 Rally Day.
Marion supt'ed S.S. gave a good Review
2 new boys in my class — 11 in all.
Lake Ave. Association Day. Ike went with me and spoke a piece. Invited by Ole. Harris Oldfield rode down with us.
33 present. C.E. Ike joined as an active member. Even. service at 2nd Cong. with Ray.

Mon. 26 Cutting corn at wood lot with Geo. Rich and Frank Freeman. Mrs. Wilford gave us a watermelon.
Eve. Quartette at Miss Jones.

Wed 28 a.m. cutting corn for Geo.
p.m. engaged two colored men to shovel tomorrow. help Geo. pulling beans.
Telegram from Irving asking me to come to Lawrence at once for 3 mo. work in Oklahoma.
Supper at Glendennings Pavilion at Lorain with Ray Foley, S.A.H. William, Miss Sears, Miss Lovegood & Miss Jackson.

Tues. 27 Cut corn at Wood lot with Geo. Frank and Willie Salzman, finish.
Got some fodder from hill lot.
Eve. Quartette at Philpotts store

Thurs 29. a.m. work for Geo. haul load household goods from depot to [illegible]. haul beans, haul bbls water, etc.
p.m. shovel dirt at [illegible] with the 2

2 colored men, Walter Johnson & Tom Brown at W. Edgeomb's. showers. hot.
eve. Quartette at Sears. Miss Jackson there.

Fri Sept 30. Shovel dirt at Early's all day.
eve. "The family paper." Mildred Kay here, also Ralph Fay bringing a letter from Caleb Lawrence describing tour in Palestine. Chas. Rich in town.

Sat October 1st
Shovel all day, one hour in a.m carried water from river for men who are making cistern at new house.
Up stairs nearly all plastered.
Kids pick beans, dig few potatoes pile up kindling wood in cellar.
eve. Choir mtg. to consider [illegible].

Sun 2 church. new [illegible] Choir. Horner leader. S.S. Dunsberry new.
[illegible] Ave. w. Miss [illegible] pick of [illegible]
Oldfield again. 31 present. hot
C.E. & Eve. service. Miss [illegible]

Mon 3. a.m. Shovel dirt at Early's with Johnson & Brown. p.m. shovel at Carl Offers new cellar. 21 loads pm
Eve. Quartette at Sears 8:30
really hot

Tues 4 Rain in night and rain all day.
a.m. [illegible] of old [illegible]
p.m. read magazine. [illegible] out [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] to [illegible] Creek
for the [illegible].

Eve. [illegible] Campfire [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] and "[illegible] apple [illegible]"
for [illegible]. [illegible].

Wed. Oct 5. [illegible] cleared off [illegible].
a.m. [illegible] on hill [illegible]
to hill lot [illegible]. [illegible]
Everywhere.
p.m. chop up [illegible] etc.
[illegible] for [illegible].

Thur. 6. cloudy. cold.
a.m. [illegible] to [illegible]. helped
[illegible] fix fence [illegible] side of [illegible] and
of wood. [illegible].
p.m. cleaning off [illegible] cellar of new house

Fri 7 unsettled. cold.
shovelling dirt at Offer's cellar.
Eve. "The Paper".

Sat 8. a.m. began work in the rain shovelling at
Offer's cellar. finish it before 10 a.m.
Col. Kramer at hill lot figuring on the
grading. brot. home some stakes.
p.m. [illegible] to hill lot cleaning up the
[illegible] & cellar. [illegible]
Eve. [illegible] mtg. [illegible] came.

Sun 9 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible]

Mon. [illegible]

[illegible] furnace wood

p.m. [illegible] the new [illegible].

Eve. [illegible]

Tues. 11 rainy.
a.m. read Independent. went down to see the new Church.
p.m. read "Waterbabies". picked late pears at SW corner. 1½ bus.
eve. Choir mtg.

Wed 12 cloudy. cool.
a.m. down town & got 6 bushels charcol $1.50, a wheel-barrow $1.25 and a curry-comb .15. Then to hill lot. Geo & I filling the cistern filter. got gravel from river. p.m. finished filter & cleaned out the cistern. pounded stone on drive way behind barn. Marion told Geo. to do our grading. Eve. to Sherwood's to practise my solo with Mrs. Cadmus.

Thurs. 13 cloudy. Marion to Cleveland to Woman's Ohio Missy. Cong. Conv.
a.m. painted the wheel barrow
p.m. chopped up boards.
eve. Annual Church business mtg.

I was elected committee on collection for A.B.C.F.M. Then to Harwood's to practise solo.

Fri. 14 cold. rain. took Marion to new house a.m. & p.m. ... Eve. ... Paper.

Sat. 15 cold. a.m. chop boards. ... pick grapes on ... tree in front yard. ... got chestnuts in grove. p.m. hill lot. ... & I dig potatoes ... got walnuts & picked up ... Eve Choir mtg. my solo.

Sun. 16 Sang solo "Oh for a closer walk with God" at Morning service. S.S. Took ... 27 present. Beautiful weather. C.E. & eve. service.

Mon 17 Dig potatoes all day. Kids pick up after school. warm.

Tues. 18 rain rain rain. Big fire last night. Linseed Oil Wks. a.m. pick over potat in new barn. ... in new house. p.m. took Marion to new house & ...'s. Then to ... & ...'s where she bought a new buggy for $45. & sold the old one for $10. & the ... wagon for $5. Bought padlock for new barn & took it up there.

Wed. 19 a.m. up to hill lot for some sweet corn took the old wagon and buggy to ... & ...'s and brought home

the new buggy.
p.m. dig potatoes at hill lot. Horse Belle fell down hill.
Eve. called on Davis, Logan, Dumas & Henry.

Thurs. 20 Oct. warmer.
a.m. dig potatoes
p.m. help Geo. grading at new house.
Aunt Mattie & Edith up there.
Eve. prayer & teachers mtg.

Fri. 21 rain rain rain.
a.m. pick over potatoes at new barn.
p.m. down town in rain. Tried to sell a bushel of pears unsuccessfully. Left buggy traps at Hassard's for repairs.
Mended old buggy cushion. Wrote for the Paper on "The Old Buggy"
Eve. the Paper. Roy Foley here. rain.

Sat. 22 rain. cold.
a.m. put in window pane in kitchen. chopped up boards. p.m. Marion Eli Nelson ... to new house. got some corn fodder. all down town. got the buggy traps & a new whip 20 cts.
Eve. Choir.

Sun 23 cold fair. Ch. & S.S.
to jail mtg instead of Lake Ave.
Miss Clarissa Lawrence talked at jail.
Roy to L. A. for me in our new buggy.
Called for Will Bell to go to C. E.
Miss Little spoke at C. E. and

at Eve. sermon on Micronesia.
Mrs Keller sang.

Mon. Oct 24 warmer. S wind.
dig potatoes a.m. & p.m.
mended my rubber boot
Eve. C.E. Social for members only.

Tues. 25 fair dig potatoes all day
Eve. called on Bardens

Wed 26 cold. a.m. dig potatoes
p.m. much colder. rain and snow
pick over potatoes in barn.
delivered 3 bu. to J. Freeman.
H.S. Seniors went on Geology Ex-
cursion & "froze to death."

Thurs. 27 cold. snow in corners did
not melt. a.m. chopped boards
p.m. dug potatoes.
Eve. Prayer mtg. & teacher's business mtg.

Fri 28 hard frost, mud froze. punkin vine
killed. a.m. to his lot for sweet corn. See
Geo. about digging another cellar for Offer.
dig potatoes. p.m. dig potatoes. Kids
come up after school (the Keyes & Nelson
to pick up taties and we got in some
of the squashes & punkins.
Eve. crack nuts for Joe's birthday

Sat 29 beaut. day. frost. but warm sun.
all kids dig potatoes. finish early
& begin on Rural N.Y.
Eve. Choir. Joe came home. Elsie
met him at car. "Paper."

Sunday Oct 30 1898 Doc's 15th birthday

church. sermon on prison reform.

S.S. Lake Ave. 33 present. decided to form a new young peoples class.

C.E. Cons. Mtg. Eve. service. I sang on solo "Holy holy holy" from Spohr's Last Judgement.

Mon 31. a.m. dig Paul Ney potatoes

p.m. same. Ike Keyes & Nelson up after school to pick up.

Eve. Marion & Ike to Halloween Social at Geo. Rick's

Tues Nov. 1.

a.m. pick green tomatoes. wheel up old boards from grove. pick grapes.

p.m. see Lou Brown about shovelling dirt tomorrow. finish digging our potatoes. Deliver 4 bushels to Freeman.

Eve. C.E. business mtg and Choir meeting.

Wed. 2. begin digging cellar for Opfer to get more dirt for grading at new house. Lou Brown & I shovel 9 hrs.

Thurs 3. shovel 9 1/2 hrs. Lou & Bert Brown load wagon & I shovel dirt under porches etc at house. Eve. mid prayer mtg.

Fri. 4 a.m. shovel 5 hrs. all 3 of us load wagon. finish the cellar. [illegible]

p.m. haul up & [illegible] the bran from Mill

got some straw from [illegible]. stripped
kindling [illegible]. got [illegible] at [illegible].

Sat. Nov. 5 1898. a.m. all up and pick apples
at home. Christine and Eric[illegible] all
the only apples we have. Very healthy,
rain 11 o'clock,
p.m. Eli [illegible] & I sort potatoes at new
barn. rain. rain.
Eve. Choir.

Sund. 6 Wanamaker preached for Cadman.
S.S. 28 present at Lake Ave. Y. [illegible]
started with [illegible] Toby teacher. [illegible]
Eli led C.E. mtg.
Sacred Concert in eve. Fred [illegible]. Fullton etc.

Mon 7. a.m. hauled up mantel & [illegible] & tile
etc for new house from freight depot.
Went to wood lot for pick apples. none there.
p.m. help Geo. get a load of hay from
his stack at our wood lot. brot home
furnace wood.

Tues 8. a.m. help Geo. get hay from stack.
brot home furnace wood.
p.m. ditto ditto. hauled load of wood
for Geo. while he went to [illegible] to vote.
Voted [illegible] State ticket and Repub. County.

Wed 9 rain rain rain.
sort potatoes

Thurs. 10 a.m. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

buggy. Sol potatoes.
Ev. prayer mtg. Address by Kushida (?)
a Japanese studying for Missionary.
Deacons mtg. colder.

Fri. 11
p.m. delivered 3½ bu. potatoes to
Mr. Freeman. Went to Riley's house on
Peter St. and then took Roy to see
our new house. Shovelled dirt
at new barn.
Eve. The paper. Mary Ki came,
from Kansas

Sat 12 Eli & I helped Geo. Rich dig potatoes all day. Ike picked
apples for Geo. some. Mary
went to Wellington.
Eve. Choir.

Sun. 13. Ch. S.S. 10 boys. Lake Ave.
appointed Committees for Xmas.
C.E. Eve. service. rain some
feet sore, chilblains.

Mon 14 a.m. chop wood. broke up old
refrigerator. p.m. got horse
shod. bought felt boots etc.
rain some.

Cambridge Dec. 25. 1827. Christmas [illegible]

I did not keep school to day partly on acct of its being Christmas
& our families were opposed to its keeping & I shall not probably
[illegible] to make up the time. I have been to the Dedication of the new
[illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] and have heard a
[illegible] [illegible]
discourse delivered by Rev. Dr. [illegible] of Boston very much more
[illegible] than Dr. [illegible] [illegible] sermon. It was [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not altogether. Text "And the
Disciples were first called Christians at Antioch" [illegible] [illegible]
cidedly as could well be expressed in favor of Missions foreign [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] no objection to them but
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. He said [illegible]
propel motives would go to preach [illegible]
ever that he was pained to hear of Calvinistic Missions & Arminian
Missions &c. On my return from the Dedication a sleigh very fully
loaded with Passengers passed me. After they had got some distance
from us Esq. Whipple happened to see me & ran & called to me & said there
was a letter for me. I turned my course & came by Col. Metcalf
where I found yours of the 22. Getting it just as I did enables me to an-
swer it this afternoon & I hope to see Gen G. this evening & send this.
[illegible] dirty clothes by him. but tis uncertain. I shant need to have
you send any more clothes to me. I am glad I have begun upon the
last half of my time. So this being glad time passes so swiftly.

After writing my last which you will probably receive on Thursday I
found [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] & has learnt to braid Palm leaf. I should think it
well if she has not paid too dear for her skill. I cant act much in the
matter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Mr. [illegible] [illegible]
father [illegible] [illegible] Dollar. Thinks they are cheaper now. It seems
there is about 3 nos I believe of the Mis. Herald which you have not found
I have not yet one bound & shall wait a little longer. [illegible]
&c. has arrived. Col. M. asked me to take tea with him the other day.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & I was however before
[illegible] [illegible] I hope to send you the [illegible]
linen thread by Gen G. You had better give me some more instruction
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I expect Gen G. will take some tracts for Charles if he wants them if not I will keep them. I could not get them sooner. They are 1 mill [illegible]. With the time I had to spare I could not suit myself better. I expect Charles has supplied himself ere [illegible].

"Would not she [Lucy] compare pretty well with your Cambridge Misses?" There is no comparison to be made between them. We have none like her. We have none like your older Children. I think but few like our little [illegible] so what is the [illegible]? Are they naturally brighter? I guess they have a better mother & I guess they are naturally as high as par. If dry slabwood can be had I would [illegible] considerable of it & would get some Coal if any is to be had

I have been very well except a cold part of the time. [illegible] a little addition to it yesterday but expect to sleep warm to night & shall probably be almost clear of it to morrow

If you have an opportunity I should think it would be well to send a few specimens of our girls painting. I rather think it would tend to help them to a School here.

I now learn that I might have had more evening [illegible] class at the Courthouse but they did not know I had opened a [illegible] here. It is now so late I fear they will not come. I had two [illegible] the last evening I kept.

Most sincerely Yours, D. Metcalf

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf

Royalston, Ms.

Dear Sister Aurelia

With this is a scrap of letter that I wrote to Eli in this morning, but it failed of getting to the Post Office at that time. I wrote to him at Westfield as you will see by his request, but I think it extremely doubtful if he gets it at all there, even if he should go to Westfield at all. Most likely he will be back at Bangor before this letter will reach Westfield. I think I have written to you pretty often lately since I have heard from you at all. In fact if Eli is there when you get this letter you may consider it as written to him especially, and expect to write to me some yourselves; as with my pressure of business, and lack of conveniences, it can hardly devolve upon me to do all the writing. Just consider my case: The Country is almost barbarous. The houses generally poorer than any thing you ever saw: Even wealthy men (that is men owning their hundreds of acres of Corn & Wheat, and herds of Cattle, horses, & hogs, almost literally unnumbered, will live here in one room log houses, really poorer than a decent man would keep his hogs in at the East. The only light at night is a burning rag in a dish of hog fat, perhaps! and every other thing in the same proportion.

To be sure we intend to carry a sufficient of indispensibles with us. My usual writing apparatus is a little desk or box on my knees and I usually select the log barn, (probably would be called at the East a pen rather than even a barn; a real Yankee barn for a stopping place would be a luxury indeed) or get under our big baggage wagon to write.

Then again the matter of time for writing is a material matter. We intend to work in the field as much of the time as men can work; then all the rest of the time is just about enough to do up the necessary writing & calculation.

The men usually sleep down (sleep on bed or floor), generally with their clothes on. They enjoy themselves and are extra healthy in this way. After finishing my writing I [illegible] [illegible] nights, and sleep usually in the wagon or in the barn floor or open porch [illegible] bed & fixings which I keep in the wagon for my special benefit.

In the matter of food we are especially lucky. You see the food of "Packers" consists regularly of three things: Corn bread, smoked hog, and strong Coffee. Last year the corn crop was cut [illegible]

[illegible] almost entirely. So the people have to buy flour and give us Wheat bread. Then for lack of Corn perhaps, the hogs were sold, and the smoked hog too is scarce! So we have some bacon, and some fresh pork, beef, sheep, chickens, squirrels, deer &c. which would not be had other years. This too is the very favorable season of green vegetables.

But the great wonder among the Natives is the regular Yankee a man who drinks neither coffee nor Sour Milk.

These people here with their hundreds of Cattle have no dairy. Milk one or two cows once a day so as to have plenty of sour milk to drink. Make no Cheese, and butter only as they want to use it, a saucer full enough for a meal at once only, I judge.

The people here are a curious set, that is certain. At the North they are in great part from the East; here hardly at all. Most of them from the South perhaps, and who came here as poor as poverty itself. I suppose it must be the very Easiest country in the world to get a living in. Every one is independent, that is, just as much corn & hogs as he will take the trouble to have, and a horse to ride, too boot. But they are so indolent — perfectly lazy.

However the country here is rapidly improving, a better class of Settlers coming in from N. E. N. Y. Ohio, the Dutch from Penn. &c. &c.

To day I have been over to Du Quoin to Church. This is partly settled by Eastern people, and they have a Presbyterian Church there.

I have heard preaching but two Sabbaths since I have been here, in Jackson Perry & Washington Co.

My Post Office address you know is Mount Hawkins, Perry Co. Illinois

I want to see Elijah very much, but I suppose he would hardly find his way here, even if he came clear out West. It is one of the most out of the way places in the world, near a stick from St. Louis.

I do wish you would write to me. &c—

Sincerely

[illegible signature]

Foxcroft, Sabbath, April 7th 1846.

Dear Sister Ann

You want us to write, I think we have, but we have not received much in the way of answers, from home. We wrote two letters week before last, & one last week, but have not had an opportunity to send it. Mr. Sewall, I expect will preach here today & we can send down by him.

We received a bundle from you last night by the post man. It was dated a week before, whether you did not send it, or he did not bring it I know not. Lucy was much pleased with the bundle. She has had to use a Dictionary with one of the other girls &c. She needs the dress too, I suppose.

I wish you had written a little more particularly about your journey &c. Do you think of going to Bangor this summer? I hardly like the idea of Eliab's remaining at Boston this summer. He would not have so good health there. He is not very rugged.

You write to us all to remember one word 'consideration'. That, I expect, is most excellent advice to all young persons; & every one, I think can look back to many a time when a little more 'consideration', or even a word of advice from 'one who knew'; would have spared us much trouble & prevented many mistakes & difficulties.

Yet I believe that we, as a family, are by no means, deficient in consideration, especially compared with other young people. This is certainly the case with myself. I have large bumps, both of Cautiousness & Causality, and am naturally disposed to look rather too long before I leap!

Of the aforesaid "consideration" I think great proofs might be found in my history, especially during the last fall.
I have certainly matter for congratulation that amidst all the folly frivolity & so called high times of the season, with a hundred or two of young folks in their rudest state, I have so little to reflect upon.
Even in all the excitement & turmoil of the Exhibition, I was so lucky as not to commit myself, & although deeply engaged in its "trying scenes", yet got through with nothing to be ashamed of, before any one, the Parson, the people, or the School.
Your advice is however is of the very best kind, to all.

"The great question at present, appears to be, Shall I go to College this fall or not? Tash says I must. How can I?
I believe if I had now, $100, for my last summer's work, which I probably might have had. & perhaps ought to have had, I should conclude to enter as a Soph. this fall.
I suppose, by studying this summer, I could enter with honor, this fall & then teach all winter & get through in 3 years pretty cheaply & if my health was spared, pretty honorably!

Lucy is thks of Pro-
nouncing French
Folks dont know how
to pronounce French
here. Tash invtly
calls "elle" el —
Our crew, the Sur-
veying class go
a surveying now a
days. Sat A. M. sur-
veyed 7½ Acres 6 sided
field P. M. Mr. Tash
went with us, sur-
veyed 33 - 2 - some odd
rods in woods & out
and did it very
nice. 6 of us.
We go by Rectangu-
lar Surveying
I want a magazine
to go 1 week longer
than the length of
my money

Dear folks it is rather naughty to write letters Sunday, but we can have an opportunity to send by Mr. Seward I suppose tomorrow. I am very much obliged for the bundle which came last night. The things were all very acceptable, especially the dress. I will wear them carefully and return them. I could have done without the shoes, but they will be needful in the summer. You must have written in a grievous hurry; you did not say a word about yours whether you found a chance in B. or not. I could not help worrying about you lest you should be so troubled at the disorder which undoubtedly reigned about the premises when you got home, as to make yourself sick at work. If you stay there till Mother and I come home you must let things go — no matter if everything is not so very nice. We shall have a real overhauling of every thing before we move, & Mother and I will be there to help. How long did you stop in Bangor? I want to know whether you are going there to stay. I went to Mr. Parker's visiting yesterday afternoon and stopped to Bible Class in the evening — the first time I have been out an evening since last fall, except just across the yard into the Academy. I am reading Tell now in French; the rest of them say that I pronounce best of any of the class. I am in the 4th or 5th French class! I hardly know which! Write soon and long about every thing. Love to Maddy and all the folks — Good bye, in haste — Sister Lucy. How much did dress, shoes & coat? I am in the 16th Section in Algebra.

Brownville Me
June 10

Mr. Charles W. Rich
Milo

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Isaac & Lucy
Apr: 7th 1844
Answd

Foxcroft April 25th 1844.

Dear Sister

I certainly should not overcome my just indignation sufficiently to pen another epistle to you at present, after the abominable neglect which we have experienced at your hands in the shape of letter-writing, were it not necessary on account of urgent business.

Mr. Stevens, who is school agent just called here to find out what your name was, as he is going to write by next mail to see if you will teach the school here this summer; and I, fearing lest by some means you should be persuaded to do it, concluded to write post haste, by the same mail, to advise you not to come. The people are unanimous in their wishes to get you, though every one seems to think you will not come. Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Edes, Susan Carpenter and many others I have heard say "they wished they could get Miss Rich again, but it was a very hard school and low wages, and they certainly could not blame her if she should be unwilling to come." All with one accord say their children never learned so much in any three summers before &c. &c. ~~but~~ Mr. Stevens is going to offer more wages they say in order to induce you to come. 7/6 and if that would not do, more still.

But Mrs. Foss said that they would have been glad to give you 10/6, or two dollars even, at the Mills last summer & they would probably give the same this summer; that would be an easier school to teach, & near home too. We have not heard a word from home, and I don't know yet but you are going to Bangor! — But if you do not & wish to teach somewhere it seems to me that you can get an easier school at higher wages than this; and I cannot help advising you not to come. Nevertheless you know best. I have written a page of advice, "teaching my betters," and

I will now tell the news. Mr. Fish has got up a grand discussion among the ladies & gentlemen, (to come on next Wednes. and if we succeed pretty well to be "acted over" examination day) on the Question, "Ought Ladies, in a political point of view, to be allowed equal privileges with Gentlemen"– Gentlemen on the Aff. Metcalf, Chandler, and Philbrick; Ladies on Aff. Chamberlain (Emma), Farnham, Carter. Gents. on Neg. Paul, Bennett & Harlow; Ladies on Neg. Holmes (J. R.) Hopkins and Metcalf. So you see they have got Grace & I both into a scrape. I don't know what to do— I have no kind of "idees" at all on the subject. Can't you send me some? I get along nicely in Algebra – am in the 23rd Sections. It is most recess time & I must go into School.

Affectionately your Sister Lucy.

Lucy & I have been up here two or three months, and, to tell the plain truth, have not received a single real good letter from home, although we have written much as a considerable lot. Charles did pretty well, he wrote two little billetts to us a month or two since, mostly business though, & we rec'd a little note from Emmonce I believe. In view of these things we had resolved, out of revenge, to punish ourselves by not writing any more. But Lucy was so much afraid that you would conclude to come up & teach this summer School, that she has overcome all her scruples & penned the above.

As for the School, I don't exactly know the grounds of Lucy's anxiety; although I had made up my mind that you would not come & told her so, & others. I maintain an idea of equivalents. I, in reality, gave this School district some 30, or 40, & last winter, more than value rec'd, without even a sense of obligation or good will. & I should not wish to have you give them some 20 or 30 more this summer as you did last. I am losing my good opinion of human nature, in the least, at least, & begin to think it is best to do less for friendship and more for money where there is no chance of any other return.

I expect Lucy feels as if she, or we, stood on a little higher ground here that at home, and is afraid school teaching is not a very honorable employment!!!

I really do not know what to think about staying here this summer, or about going to Brunswick next fall. Mr. Tash thinks I had certainly better, says I could nearly support myself by teaching; borrow money without the least risk. I should have chances enough offered to me before I was through of good situations, better than he has here. &c. &c. &c. He was in debt when he came here $ & most or many are. Which do you suppose he cares the most for, his own honor in sending a good scholar there! or my best interests?

I do think however he would not advise one to go if he did not think it would be best for me.

I think if I had only one hundred dollars this fall, I would conclude to try. As it is ——————— &c.

Lucy has got along nicely this term, in every thing. She is, though I never tell her so, a really smart, talented girl! that are a fact, or I am no judge.

She is not the only genius we have here though.

I suppose it is of no use to ask you to write, any of you, although I did not know but Joseph might after he got home. He has not been so much influenced by our good company & example though.

I have a splendid Recommend for him from Tash if I could send it, for hash

Ever loving J. J. Metcalf

Isaac & Lucy
Apr. 25th. 1844
Foxcroft

Dover Me.
Apr 26

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Mr Charles W. Rich
Milton

Brud. Coll. Feb. 15th 1846

Dear Sister

I believe you owe me a letter already, for I think I have written to you, at least once since you have to me. Moreover I do not know as I have any thing particular to write at this present time, except that I have just got back to College after nearly a six months absence, earning money all the time, and find myself quite as poor as ever. You can hardly have an idea what a place this is to spend money in. No one can be more economical than I am, at this rate, without being more miserably mean than any decent person can be. I have earned about $100,00 since leaving College last fall, and am now at least $50,00 in debt, I suppose. I tell you nobody but a College Student knows what it is to be poor. I had not even the most distant appreciation of poverty before I came to College. What is poverty? Unsupplied wants. To feel ones wants — necessities, increasing multiplying, & growing greater, and at the same time the means of supplying those wants growing smaller smaller & narrower. By wants I do not mean wishes but actual, absolute, pressing necessities.

It is rather a foolish business this going to College without backers, rich fathers, or something of the kind. I never would advise a young man in my condition to go to College, without I considered him a real genius, such a one as I never saw; and he had better stay away then he would do well enough where he is; besides, the miseries of College would probably destroy him, before he got through.

It is too bad for as decent a fellow as I think myself to be to suffer quite as much as I do from poverty.

Since I have been in College, 18 months, I have earned by my own hard labor $ 180,00, and had $ 50,00 besides. My expenses in all, 5 journeys between here & Bangor, to Turner, Richmond &c &c. $ 40,00, Dress I had hardly any clothes at all when I came here " 60,00

Books & Stationery only	20,00	
Room furniture & Incidentals	25,00	
Board	35,00	
Postage	6,00	
College Bills	84,00	not all paid
Total Expenses $	270,00	Nearly
Income "	230,00	
Besides being poor — $	40,00	

Of course I am somewhat in debt now, and getting deeper & deeper, every day.

I forgot $ 10,00 Society bills, about, which makes it $ 50,00 in debt instead of 40,00

Sister Anna

I believe I wrote to you something about those bundle of Town's Reading books, that were sent to me. I had nothing to do with them but to benefit the interests of the Original proprietors. I gave one set to the Sup. School Com. of Richmond and one to the Preceptor of Litchfield Liberal Institute; and believe I will pack up a couple of sets of them and send to you by Express. I suppose it will not cost a great deal. The whole bundle came to me by Express from Portland to Gardiner, 50 miles or more for ,25. If you do not want the books, or any of them, I have no sort of objection to your carrying them to a book store. The Retail price of those twelve books would be $ 3,00, to Teachers Schools, Towns, or School Committees they are put at exactly half price; I have marked the price of each in some of the Books. I want you should see how you like the Spellers. the system is very much 'cracked up' in that respect.

I wish you would write to me a little more frequently. I believe I write more letters than all the rest of the family together. I have written 30 full letters, many of them more than one sheet, since I went to Richmond, about 9 weeks. Mother & Lucy complain of you Bangor folks, I guess with reason. You don't do your share of correspondence

Your Brother J. T.

This is not really called a letter
and you may Excuse it or not, just
as you please, that is, if you will
write yourself P.S.

I wish you would read this again and realize
how Isaac _needs_ money if you are receiving
\$400,00 a year you might lend him some [illegible]

Miss Elizabeth Anne Rich
Bangor
Maine

Bowd. Coll. June 9th, 1847.

Miss E. H. Rich,

Dear Sister,

Methinks it is a long time since I have received a letter from you; and I have probably written to you once or twice since that remarkable occurrence; at least such is usually the case. I believe it is expected of me that I should write about two letters to any of my brothers or sisters one to me. You especially, I must say, appear to be remarkably remiss in this matter.

Now I really think you ought to write me a regular sisterly letter about once in a month. It is you know quite a difficult matter for a young man to properly 'take heed to his steps', especially if he be a College Student, as College Students are generally supposed to be. Now how much good it must do such an one to have sisters watching and writing to him, taking care of him &c. Why, I sometimes think I can tell by a Students' conduct and appearance whether he has sisters to write to him occasionally.

Sisters certainly have a great influence over young men, even Students, and I think they ought

not to be slow in exercising it, especially by the writing of letters.

I had a letter from a Graduate of College lately, who said that when in College he was in a hurry to get out, but that now he felt almost like wishing himself back again, felt if not quite like a fish out of water, at least like a young bird just out of its nest, hardly knowing what to do with itself. Do you think I shall feel so when I get away from here? It would seem that I have been absent from College so much, been here so little, that I should not have become very strongly attached to any thing here. Still I found on getting back here this term, that here, standing up by my old desk, in College, with College duties, and College friends about me, seemed rather the most like home after all. It might not be quite so pleasant a place as some others, it may not contain so dear friends, one may not enjoy himself quite so well as in some other places, but yet, however it may be, it still seems like home. I do expect to feel the parting from it somewhat. There are certainly peculiar ties which bind one to his literary Alma Mater.

I expect to feel the most however at parting with this old desk of mine! I have stood by it, and studied by it, and wrote by it, so long, and so much, that I shall hardly know how to get along without it. Would-int it be a grand article of furniture to transport from place to place! especially if I should happen to travel on foot as Case and I did from Portland the other day. However I believe I have got about done with ~~that~~ method of getting about. It does not hardly pay. I have learned to reckon the value of my own bones & sinews a little higher as compared with some other things.

However friend Case and I did not have a very uncomfortable walk, and I guess it did not hurt us much.

I find ~~that~~ Mrs Peazie at Bangor felt almost hurt about it ~~that~~ I did not call there again. Nobody to blame for it though but herself, or rather her Paddy Servant Girl! I expect the folks here I was offended about it. No Matter.

How would it answer for me to go on through here, pass examination &c. and then Cut my degree, diploma, and all that. Could not I do without it think? It would not make any

difference in Oregon, would it?

You know they taxed me eversomuch for "Advance Standing, because I entered in advance, Tuition for previous year &c. that I have never paid, thought likely I might finally get rid of it, but the President tells me this term that it is impossible; it must be paid. So as no one can receive a degree with any demands due on College Term bills, I suppose I must pay it, or not graduate. I hardly think though that I shall pay it!

I have been writing something to the boys about the settlement of the affairs there at Milo. I think is ought to be attended to and all ought to help advise how it can be done. I fear it is likely to be a difficult affair.

I like our studies this ~~term~~ year better than any before. They are different branches of Natural History Physiology, Geology, Mineralogy &c. also Dr. Wayland's Moral Science. which I think will be still more interesting than Upham, Butler or Paley.

Please excuse this very hastily written letter and I really wish you would try to write in return, soon

Yr. Aff. br. J. S. Metcalf

Northfield, Mass. Nov. 5th 1848

Dear Sister Anne

Your letter dated at Buffalo, N.Y.,
I received in due season some time ago - one Saturday.
I then intended to write to you again immediately, and direct
to Racine so that my letter might be the first one to reach
you on your arrival at your new home. You see I did
not do as I ~~intended~~; and the circumstances in which
I have been, form perhaps my best excuse for the delay
The night I received your letter I had just come from Springfield.
By the way, you are yet to learn how near I came to being
at this time in Alabama instead of Old Massachusetts.
There is a great Rail Road to be built from Mobile to the Mouth
of the Ohio River. Capt John Childe of Springfield Mass. is appointed
Cheif Engineer - to begin the surveys & Location immediately;
He was desirous of taking out with him a large party of Assis-
tants from here. He sent up an Express to J. L. Leonard, a co worker
of mine on the Vt. & Mass., and a former pupil of Capt. C.'s, to see him
at Springfield the next morning, and offering him a situation.
The Opening appeared to me a very favorable one - the longest
projected Rail Road in the Country - Good salaries & permanent
employment for five or six years at least. I could be well
recommended to Capt. Childe, and as I expected then to be through
here in a month or two, I though it best to go down and see.
I found however the numbers all made up at once; though the
Capt Childe appeared to like my appearance, and held out the
prospect of a favorable situation there sometime in the future.
So I did not go to Alabama, and returned to Vt. & Mass.

But Leonard did conclude to go off to Alabama, and to start in three or four days only! Months rather than days are properly requisite for an Engineer to get out of his business and leave it in anothers hands; but his connection with the Road was such that he could not well be kept when he had determined to go. Somebody must take his place. It was certainly not a slight mark of confidence in an Engineer only a year old to put him into such a situation. But so it was: and a pretty place it was too, I assure you!
This stepping into another man's shoes, when he is an Engineer, is a difficult business any time. In this case somewhat peculiarly so. Leonard is one of those strong headed men, without much Education, or any system. keeping every thing in his own head without committing to paper, or any thing permanent. Some natural way of his own of doing things, but without rule or record of them, or any way hardly for another to understand what had been done, was doing, or was to be done.
His Note Books were only pencilled, badly written & worse spelled, half illegible, & frequently all erased. He seemed to keep it all in his mind, and somehow work along through his business. Such confusion & vexation I never got into. Why I could hardly even dream peacably o'nights, would wake up every half hour with my brains all snarled up on some point or other. But I am now getting to feel very comfortable again; persevering diligence is beginning to bring Order out of Chaos, and I have a fair prospect of succeeding admirably. My place however is not the most pleasant imaginable. It is "Grouts" about nine miles from Northfield, and one would think it must be at least as much as that from any other place!

It is to be a great Rail Road Station, Central point, Half Way house &c. &c. Every thing on a tall scale. It was the roughest wildest little hole you could imagine. They say nothing but a Rail Road ever could have got there! That comes twisting along down the irregular, almost perpendicular banks of Millers River which rattles along its rocky ragged bed under it. At Grouts they dig into the high hills & scatter the earth about to make a wide plain of as irregular a place as you ever saw to make Depot's Freight & Engine Houses &c. &c. the greatest trouble is now, Every body must be there to work, and there is no place for them to live hardly. The Irish of course can stick up their Shanties any where: but all the Masons, Carpenters, bridge builders, &c. &c. won't do so.

The Tavern where I board, the celebrated "Grout House", might perhaps accommodate ~~fifty~~ twenty very comfortably. It has perhaps fifty regular Boarders. transients almost innumerable. The Dining Room holds fifteen! If you are in the Entry next it, when the Bell rings, and rush, you may get something to eat within the first half hour otherwise patience. The Landlord reckons up in the Morning how many slept on the floor that night, — so many in this room, so many in that, &c.! However, being "the Engineer", I get along pretty comfortably. One large room for that house is set apart as "Rail Road Office", filled of course with Drawing tables, books, plans &c. In that room I sleep in one bed: my Assistants. Two good fellows in another.

As for spending the Sabbath there I could not think of it, & come up to Northfield. From "Grouts" diverges a Branch Rail Road to Greenfield, just begun building. I am employed considerable of the time on that. The Main Road will soon be complete, & I should have left: but coming here on the Branch, they will want me to stay all winter, perhaps longer. For Advancement in Engineering I do not know as circumstances could favor me any more than they have & do.

There — I have fairly filled three pages with "self". I guess you will not want to hear any more for a spell. The fact is your letter with most of my other plunder is down at Grouts. and I am at Northfield, today. this very rainy day. only 18 at Church. so I cannot answer your letter today.
I found here last night a letter from Mother by way of Hampden, All well at both places. Charles lost half his crop abont, but his horse which has been very lame or sick is getting better. I was most astonished and mortified to hear that Charles is like to vote for Taylor. Strange. If I had known it a day or two sooner I would have made another last desperate effort to open his eyes; but it is a day or two late. 7th being Election day.
You must have had a very pleasant journey I think from your account of it as far as Buffalo. I am extremely anxious to hear about the rest of it over the Lakes by Steamboat, and how you are pleased with Racine, and your new home, situation and all circumstances in which you are placed.
You must excuse my neglect of writing, considering the case. that the place, circumstances, & leisure in ~~which~~ have absolutely prevented. I shall certainly do better in future; and I hope you will write if you have not before, immediately on receiving this.
You have probably been no more surprised at not receiving this letter before than you would have been, if you had received it post marked "Mobile Ala." and there was certainly one day in which I considerably expected that such would be the case.
Our folks hereabout are all well as I hear. Coz Joseph works for the R. R. Co. but not now with me. James' little one grows beautifully. Dr Gillett of Hallowell. Sec. of Maine Miss. Soc. &c. you know is just dead. I see by the papers.

Monday, not a moment's time.

My Post Office direction is
Grouts' Corner
Mass.

J. S. Metcalf.
Nov. 5th 1848.

Goffstown, N.H. April 2d, 1849

Dear [illegible]

Your Letter of March [illegible] has but just come to hand, yesterday or the day before. It seems to have had rather a long passage somewhat lengthened [illegible] by [illegible] of [illegible] me [illegible] around. My [illegible] have been round [illegible] for a month or two past. The [illegible] Surv. R. R. you know is completed to [illegible]. After much delay, and I got most out of patience, though I ought not to complain as my wages went steadily on, I got fairly away from the [illegible] March 19th, and [illegible] on my way Down East, entirely out of business, and perhaps with little prospect of any imme[diate] [illegible] in these dull "money crisis" times for [illegible]. The next day, [illegible] cheap for Engineers, I found myself at the N.H. City of Manchester, thinking to call upon a friend of mine at [illegible] N.H. on my way to [illegible]. Being at Manchester, I called, [illegible] with scarcely a thought of employment, upon the Chief Engineer of the N.H. Central R. R. a new Railroad just beginning from Manchester N.H. to [illegible]. The N.H.C. [illegible] to be just then in want of Engineers, I happened to be recommended from the [illegible] as perhaps few are recommended, and was snapped up shortly. [illegible] instead of Bangor as I expected, the same week I left [illegible] found me regularly situated on the N.H. Central. A situation too such as all young Engineers do not get. I have men under my command who have been Engineers twice as long as I have. I am Eng. in Charge, 1st Div. N.H.C.R.R. [illegible] the Div. in towns of Goffstown and Weare, Hillsboro Co. N.H. [illegible] $[illegible] per annum. As the Road is to be a [illegible] one [illegible] I may [illegible] employment [illegible] if I choose for two or three years. [illegible] Plank Roads in Wisconsin; [illegible] for me as an Engineer, even if I could get $1000.00 or even 1500.00 per year there. [illegible] around [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible], [illegible], and in [illegible]

necessary to the Engineer, a position; [illegible]

[illegible] in town. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a letter of yours [illegible]

[illegible] may be the leader of the [illegible]

[illegible] Birth Day. Will they not name it [illegible]? I am most afraid though that they will get "Kittredge", or "Rupel" or some such [illegible] in with the [illegible].

I suppose they have written to you about [illegible] condition. I do not know as anything has ever so much saddened me. He thinks it is permanent [illegible] irremediable: says he is no more to be an actor & mover in the world. It seems dreadful for me to be [illegible] to [illegible]; in the [illegible] like him with such [illegible] of wealth, [illegible] and I think [illegible], there are two young men like our [illegible]. Others may judge as they please. Few [illegible] of my age, not a great many of any age, have a more extended acquaintance with young men than I have, and I certainly do not know a mind [illegible] equal. I am certainly successful in my undertakings I am considered "promising", but with all my superior advantages, I can but feel that Joseph is my superior. Taking such a man away from active life is a loss to Community. He has sold out his business to Thurston. The doctors after Bleeding, Blistering, & Strychnia till they were tired prescribe rest, total rest, [illegible] the summer. He has quartered himself at [illegible]. If he is able to travel I am going to get him here at any rate a while.

In answer to your letter, I am sorry to disappoint you, but however much I might enjoy a visit to Wisconsin, and however pleasant it would [illegible]

I think [illegible] circumstances that I cannot come this spring, though [illegible] I will probably [illegible] before [illegible] as Engineer of a Plank Road. [illegible] think [illegible] might [illegible] New England Rail Road

[illegible] ridges of Stone, or Howe's or Batts truss, to Wisconsin Plank road bridges of logs.

However I mean to go West to see the Country sometime. If my Salary is [this year] 1000.00 and 1500.00 the year after, in about three years, if I do not get married [illegible] shall be able to go. Whenever I do I will try to remember the commission of Mrs Hopkins to whom please present my compliments for the trust.

Why do you not write to Mrs. Chase, & Mrs Caleb Metcalf, if you wish them to hear from you. I am in Boston but very rarely then only on business, and no time to spare to see any body. The minutes of an engineers time necessary to make such a case are more valuable than two or three letters.

[illegible] Cousins &c. I guess they are all pretty much in Statu quo. [illegible] The only one in whom I feel much interest, is Depot Master at Toronto, where I spent the Fall & Winter, will do first rate there I think. His Wife [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] than [illegible]

[illegible] last time I had been [illegible]

to go to California with Mrs Farnham's Party. Everything at Mount Comfort & every where there goes on in the same old way. Next year at this [illegible] they will have lived about one day more than they have now. I can live as much in an hour as they do in a month, seems to me.

Sabbath before I spent at Royalston. Heard Revd. Mr. Mason preach. [illegible] not been to church for some months since [illegible] which affected him very much. The Dr. in his usual health, been riding all day, died in his Chair while playing Chequers. Mrs Brewster, Harriet [illegible]

[illegible]

do with them. Mrs. Mitham, formerly of Exeter, Me. Mrs. D's sister died at [illegible]

[illegible]

and Clark [illegible] in [illegible] that was [illegible] in Ohio [illegible]
[illegible] children but did not get a chance to see
[illegible]. Goddard [illegible] husband is said to be making money
[illegible] in [illegible]. I do not know and have any
more news to write about any of the folks.
Humphrey is at [illegible] knitting [illegible]
[illegible] my [illegible] A.R. [illegible]
[illegible] business, who was much pleased with me, was [illegible]
[illegible] rail road, the Ashuelot R.R. from Winchester to Keene to be
continued [illegible] to Concord & to Northfield to connect with Vt. & Mass
He was very much disappointed that I could not go on there with him,
wanted to make me his Second, and as an inducement even
offered to increase my regular salary from his own pocket.
We had quite a fire here near by Sat. Morning 28th the most dreadful one
I ever saw. A large Stable was burned up with Eight horses, four
oxen, & a cow. Some very valuable horses, the whole 13 animals valued
at over $ 1200.00. It was a bad sight, to see the ruins, & the remains
of the animals in the morning. The place, one Mile from here, called
"Oil Mill Village" in town of Weare, seems to be doomed, almost. Last Fall
a Fire broke out there, consumed the Tavern, two Stores, Grist Mill, Saw
Mills, Pail Factory, Peg Factory, Machine Shop, Turning Lathe, Large Stables &c
In all fifteen or twenty buildings, all the business part of the village, [illegible]
dozens of men out of employ. [illegible]
business stopped entirely. Now this fire, & every horse owned in the village!
It does seem to be judgments of God plainly. It has always been the most
[illegible] religious place any where. [illegible]
[illegible] ready for [illegible]! [illegible] wealthy [illegible]
[illegible] all the property, acquired it in Distilling & Rumselling!
It is the most convenient Post Office for me, and [illegible]
there every day: But letters have come there considerably; but lately not liking
the looks of the direction, I prefer to have my letters directed to the other
Village, where I attend Church, and where I hope you will direct a
letter to me immediately upon the receipt of this. The Direction is

Goffstown N.H.

April has been very cold here & the [illegible] prospect
[illegible] rather disappointed.

Permit me to suggest that you do not go upon the right plan in your correspondence
You are now so far distant, and letters are so long in the transit, make it a rule to
answer a letter immediately upon the receipt, within twenty four hours. [illegible]
[illegible] if you [illegible] habit of it.

Als. J. S. Metcalf

Newport, N. H. Sept. 16, 1849

Dear Sister Anne

Your Letter of the twenty third Ultimo was rather long in reaching me on account of my present scattering condition. Being engaged on a Survey, and moving from place to place, my letters are directed all along the Line, and reach me just as it happens, sometimes by Stage Drivers, and some time wait until some one is coming expressly to me. Your Letter probably reached Goffstown ten days since, waited there about a week; and then reached me so full of business that I could hardly stop long enough to read it until Sunday. You know I did make the rule to answer your letter the next day after their receipt, but I could not this time.

You mention my visit home. It was almost an aggravation. You see I had got my business all arranged so I could be gone from it I thought some two or three weeks, and I would have a grand visit home, and every thing go on just as good in my absence &c. Well I got started, got down to Manchester and there found our President of Board of Directors, N. H. C. R. R. wanting to see me on Special business! Somewhat vexatious to be sure, but rather flattering withal for so young an Engineer to be selected over the heads of other & older ones whose business it most appropriately was, to make a very important and very difficult Survey. Mr Price said they wanted some one there in whom they had full confidence, so that the same Engineer who ~~made~~ the Survey ~~could remain~~ on the work in building. Rather flattering, was it not?? besides implying the promise of an excellent situation perhaps for two or three years, for the Line is over a very difficult country, which will take a long time to build, and be exactly the very best school for a Young Engineer. They wanted I should commence the Survey immediately but I finally, not to lose the visit entirely as I was started, got away for a few days, just had time to go home & see Joseph & come right back again.

It is now some more than four weeks since I began upon the survey. It was certainly rather a difficult situation to put a Young Engineer with so little Experience as I had into. It worried me a good deal at first; I used to dream of the Mountains & Lakes, & curves and Grades &c. &c. all the nights. However I believe I have got along very well; certainly far exceeding my own expectations and I believe to the full satisfaction of my employers and chiefs. We shall probably get through the Field Work of the Survey nearly in two weeks more. Then perhaps there will be a month or two of Office Work to collate & arrange the facts obtain to draw the Plans & Profiles, and to make out estimates.

It is to be considered that this survey which I have had the honor of making is a line through perhaps the most difficult part of New Hampshire, a regular Mountain Route, Route by way of Sunapee Mountain & Lake, and among other difficulties involving quite a Tunnel. If it had been a rich Company, the Engineer selected to make the survey would have been one with the highest & most established reputation in the country. Instead you see being poor, they select a promising Sub, in whom they have full confidence!!!!

There is some splendid scenery in this country. I never saw any thing like it before. Mountains & Lakes are thrown together most promiscuously on all sides. Sunapee Lake is a most splendid sheet of Water, stretching round some ten or fifteen miles long among the mountains. Our Summit is a ridge of Rock connecting two mountains & extending across at the End of the Lake. Our Rail Road will make a great hole through it! The Lake is beautiful. clear & transparent as Spring Water. How I love to play in its Waves & miniature surf these fine windy Evenings. It has been rather a wild rude country we have been in mostly. The little old Churches in the "Villages" have Free Will Baptist or Christian preaching once in four weeks or two weeks. Newport where we now are is quite a busy thriving little place on Sugar River, with Water privileges, is the Shiretown of Sullivan Co.

The Congregational Church is one of the Old fashioned grand ones. Very large, with very many very large high pews, and finished off very expensively. The church it is said cost nine or ten thousand dollars, which is quite a sum for a Country Church; it is beginning to go to decay however; The Society is I suspect a good deal run down in consequence of quarrels with their Minister. I heard him preach today. One of the real Old sort. Sermon an hour long regularly! Only think of it in these days. Rev. John Woods is his name.

My Visit home I should have enjoyed much if it had not been so miserably short. I found Lucy at Hampden & Eliab at Bangor & carried them both up to Milo with me. We had a fine time. Joseph was in good spirits. but does not seem to get better much.

Since I was there I hear that Chas. H. Metcalf of Woonsocket R.I. Daguerreotype Artist, has made a visit there & spent two days. I think. I suppose you have heard of the breaking out of the Cholera very suddenly, in Bangor and of the ridiculous foolish fright of the people about it. I suspect the came near deserting the whole region in a couple of days. After all I guess no one died of it but Irish or some low filthy folks. 16 deaths there were in a day when it first broke out.

Lucy & Samuel are now at Milo. the dry weather preventing Logs from coming down to give Samuel employment.

~~Do I~~ understand you that the Census shows 4000 inhabitants in Racine? I supposed there were more than that Is it not called a City? Rather a small one.

Has not Wisconsin organized a System of Public Schools? I believe I do not like Wisconsin. I am going to Minesota.

The Lack of the right sort of Companions & Society is, as you say the worst thing about an Engineer's Life

How to answer your questions about Society &c. I hardly know. 1st "Female Society agreeable, refined & improving." Well

My taste in such matters is perhaps rather more fastidious, than is usual. I must say I have not any such female society as I should wish; and further I do not know of any exactly such; so I can hardly set about procuring it. "The Society of Miss Josephine Hall of Topsham" is quite the best with which I am acquainted. Still I by no means envy thy friend Morse in winning her as a Companion. I should prefer many a one. 2d "Female Correspondents" I believe I can say I have not now really any unmarried ones out of our own family. 3d "The Image"; "the Enshrined image" in the inner chamber of the soul" Certainly, certainly. But unfortunately I believe it is simply "an image", something purely ideal. To be sure at sundry times, and in divers places, mostly quite a number of years since, perhaps among the follies of boyhood, certain real forms may have partly, or for short seasons ~~have~~ in some measure or manner obtained some place in this "inner chamber" But I suppose being not the proper occupants they have not really obtained possession. In truth, though I suppose I have had quite an extensive acquaintance with School girls, having had probably the pleasure of teaching several hundreds between the ages of 17 & 35; and have met a few since. Yet I do not seem ever to have had much opportunity of acquaintance with Ladies. Certainly I have never become acquainted with any to suit me. at least not any who were not either already married, or "engaged" to be. 4th "Demonstrations" Do pity my ignorance and innocence!

There I believe I have answered your questions with the most perfect frankness & will send the letter speedily.

I. S. Metcalf

Your affectionate brother tried to write this letter.

Sept. 16. 1849. Newport N. H.

P. S. Perhaps you had better continue to direct my letters Goffstown N. H.

N. H. C. R. R. Goffstown, N.H. Dec. 9. '49

Dear Sister

Your letter of Nov. 17. 24. was duly received a few days since. It was an excellent letter, and I am much obliged to you for it. I had been expecting it for some time before.

Well — I hardly know what to write. What do you want to hear about? We are plodding along here, after steady & quiet fashion. Let us see. When I last wrote you I guess I was off on the Survey, searching for Rail Roads, or places to put them, among the Mountains, and Lakes, the quiet valleys & rocky hill sides of Western New Hampshire. We finished the Survey, and got back to old quarters here about the first of October, not being out a little less than two months. I did certainly enjoy it. Such an active life agrees much with me. There are many splendid places among those Mountains & Lakes. Any lover of Nature must enjoy such scenery. To be sure I had hardly time or chance to enjoy Nature much; and some might perhaps say that in such business & looking out for such purposes one could hardly enjoy Nature at all. Looking so constantly at the practical utilitarian value or use of everything: the benefit or advantage of a sandy flat here, or a rounded valley or hill side there; estimating the difficulties & the expense, of the ledge here, the hill there, or the ravine or the mountain stream beyond, and contriving modes & schemes of avoiding or overcoming them.

Still the business is certainly extremely pleasant. The cares are not corroding. The difficulties of nature and the troubles of overcoming them are not vexatious as are those of art, or of intercourse with mankind. There is mental labor connected with it, enough, I assure you. I never had my mind tasked more severely or more constantly than in that survey. I had perhaps to begin with hardly the knowledge or the experience usually required in one selected for so important a trust. But it seemed that those in authority had full confidence in my abilities, and I could not well back out without trying. As it was, I found I learned wisdom & experience every day, and became fitted for duties as they devolved upon me; and in the end succeed far better than I anticipated and to the full satisfaction of those interested. It was an excellent thing for me. The acquirements & the experience gained will be almost invaluable. Much money could not obtain the worth of the confidence in myself, my own powers & abilities to overcome difficulties which it has given me.

There is considerable truth in your idea about my employment as not being a favorable one in a social point of view. I feel it, I think, more & more. One who is moving about so much & so frequently cannot enjoy society very much. He has not opportunity to become well acquainted anywhere, and is not apt to ever receive the full advantage either of the enjoyments or of the obligations & ~~advantages~~ responsibilities which society confers upon its members and which are in some sense necessary to our moral well being.

My visit home last summer was as you say short; it was hardly worth the while, and almost vexatious: but I was very anxious to see Joseph. I thought then that I should go again before this time, but have been unable to get away. I do mean to however in the course of the winter. It is indeed very possible that I may soon be out of business, and have leisure enough. This New Hampshire Central Rail Road Company are at present very much pressed for want of money, almost unable to struggle along any how; obliged to curtail very much, and indeed if they do not get help soon, liable to be obliged to suspend operations entirely. If they do not succeed in raising funds to go on farther with the work, I shall of course be out of business before a great while.

The News from Maine I suppose you hear more directly than from me. Joseph you know is at Waterford, Water Cure establishment. Mother was very much afraid the journey thither would hurt him, but I believe it was thought rather to do him good. I suppose they can hardly tell whether the treatment benefits him or not. I do not believe that he will stay there a great while longer. They are getting the East part of the House at Milo finished off in good shape I expect. We mean to have it furnished in good & suitable manner; so as to have it a proper home for our Mother whenever she wants it, or for the benefit of Joseph, if he continues same as he now is. I expect it is pretty well finished by this time.

You say that "disappointment & suffering must sooner or later be our lot." I have sometimes almost trembled to think how much I have been blessed, and how little I have ever been grateful. I have never met with trials or disappointments, hardly of every kind. All things have ever seemed to work out in my favor. I have never been really sick as others are. I have never seen the death of a human being. The shafts of death have not, hardly even has sickness, seemed to fall

where it really came near to me, to my own heart & feelings.
It was not [illegible] to [illegible] my father's death much.
The death of [illegible]'s husband did not seem to come very near to me or affect me much, not so much as it ought without.
Joseph's lameness has seemed to affect me more than any thing else in my experience.

[illegible] that [illegible] in this vicinity nowadays, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] an exemption, but I have thought best to offer my services in taking care of the sick. Circumstances have never happened to require me ever to watch with a sick person; but I have thought it my duty enjoying health as I do, and with the perfect ease of keeping awake any length of time without fatigue, to accustom myself to such services, as I have opportunity.

The Autumn here has been of the very finest, remarkably continued warm & pleasant weather, which I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was not until less than a week since. For [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] rains this evening.

You ask if I correspond with any of the Warwick friends. I do write to & hear from Cousin Joseph frequently. He is doing finely on the Railroad, has charge of Depots, Freight &c. on the branch. I do like him & his wife very much. I have also written to Warwick occasionally & receive answers from Maria, who is the only one who writes. But I have understood that [illegible] hopes I shall not marry Cousin Maria!!! whereat I am greatly frightened. It is really amusing how people, (the great foolish many) I suppose having nothing in their heads to think of, will keep thinking & talking of that subject, Matrimony. Nine out of ten seem to have no other idea in their heads. Sometimes it is amusing, sometimes ridiculous, sometimes vexatious. A young man in my situation it seems cannot visit to a lady without it being town talk. & I really believe if I should break my leg it would not excite so much feeling or curiosity, as if I should order my horse and ride off of an evening, without telling where. It is quite amusing to witness & feed such curiosity
What is this the last page!

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Milo, Maine, April 10th, 1858.

Dear Sister

Your Letter, which I had been long expecting was received here about a few days since: via Goffstown, thence remailed to Bangor and here. Of course it made a longer journey than usual. It arrived here the same day as one to Almeda did. I suppose you want the news if there were any.

Joseph is just about the same. Thinks he grows a little weaker than he was two or three months agone. Is taking the Homeopathic Medicines. Enjoys himself comfortably; reading writing, playing Back Gammon, talking & lounging.

Mother appears to enjoy very good health this Spring, though she will persist in washing and doing all the hard work she can get a chance to. I wish you would write to her a good sound doctrinal letter on that topic, rebuking her nicely.

Charles is just the same as usual, clever as corn, but a little lazy. Albina is taking care & pride of Charley; who under the various Aliases of "Chuck", "Cud", "Mischief", "Tim", "Snubbin" and others too numerous to mention, is one of the very best little fellows ever seen, busy as a bee, good natured as a bird, and obstinate as a Mule; bright as a dollar, but wont talk without he chooses, or gets cornered and cant help it.

Almeda is comfortable. Lucy is dull, James is lazy, constitutionly so like Charles, Lizzie unites the height of precocity with the height of simplicity. For Myself I am busied with the greatest multiplicity of occupations ever imagined, but generally reducible to the one great head of [illegible].

I have now been at home nearly four weeks. Our N.H. Central R.R. Co, very much embarassed, having nearly suspended operations for a while, and leaving me little or nothing to do, I have quit; much urged to come back whenever the Corporation is able to start again. I wish they could immediately, for I have thought that if that road were now built through I could do better there than any where else; and have been willing to wait some therefor; but still am on the look out for another situation to suit me.
My attention has been called to a place in New Brunswick, on the St. Andrews & Quebec R.R. I do not like the Country so well, but the salary is almost double my present pay, 1300 or 1400. or per year and all expenses paid. Perhaps I may go there.
Do you know any thing of the Milwaukie, Waukeska, and Mississippi River Rail Road? or of Byron Kilbourne, its President and Engineer.
I have not been doing much here at home for three or four weeks, reading and studying, learning Drawing in Perspective a very little; and getting a good deal rested and lazy.
Let us see; since I wrote to you I guess I have made a visit round in Mass. Spent a week or two in February or round at Greenfield with Mr Field, Grouts with Cousin Joseph & & his wife, Northfield, Warwick, Royalston &c. and had a fine time. Joseph is doing grandly, most popular Station Agent and Depot Master on the Road; has Humphrey with him who is particular to a Montague Belle. Joseph is bound to do well. Hannah ~~Parsons~~ I think is improving.
Mrs Dickinson's boy Williams has been sick abed a year Rheumatic Fever, and Liver sores. Hardly likely to recover.
Aunt Hannah: ~~Skull grows no thinner~~. or heart softer.

She has some Neices named Mayo; Maria & — who are smart and accomplished girls: but for the finest girl in that part of the country is Lucy Williams: I never got acquainted with her before. She and Maria Stevens talk of coming down East this Summer. Aunt Conant has more sense than very many other women combined, which is the more wonderful from the very unfavorable nature of her circumstances. Harvey has a ... her Son. Aunt Esther went to Montague to spend a week or two, is a wandering genius.

Uncle Jacob is hearty & laborious, as also his new wife, but she has the Rheumatism. Samuel not at home: Josiah teaching in Templeton or somewhere. He accidentally broke a boy's leg in School Room last winter. Sued for $1000.00 damage. Public opinion &c. are in his side: finished the School, and was engaged immediately in the new district. They cannot recover, probably. I also stopped one night this winter at Lowell and saw the various folks there.

I am anxious to hear whether you conclude to remain in Wisconsin or not. If you leave your present situation what sort of one can you get?

Shall you remain there if you can get a good one? Are you home sick? If so come home of course; If not, and you can get a good situation, I should advise you to stay.

Dear Sister, —

I am not going to write much. The east room & bedroom are finished, painted & papered — the chamber not finished & I don't think will be these 7 yrs. Those rooms were finished mostly by Isaac & Eleab for benefit of Mother & they also propose to furnish them. They don't intend to finish chamber. The additional information I have seed does not change in the least my opinion of there is some risk of H. will fail to pay you suitably, through inability, &c. Joseph

Lucy is Nicely
Sam'l " silly
Fanny " happy

Own Dear Daughter — Isaac says I must write a little to you but I have but little time & less of Idea's that are good for any thing only I'll correct some of this naughty sayings he dont mean exactly that L. is dull only that she is not Sprightly like some girls — but she's very goodhearted & clever he says I do all the hard work I can — I dont do nothin hardly.

We have had no preaching any where in this town the ~~past winter~~ 2 or 3 months — but we have some little prospect now of having a Missionary sent here — we have Society Meetings at the Corner & prayer Meetings Sabbath evenings — but few attend — * Isaac writes to a young Lady in Dunbarton I dont know what the ultimate consequences may be — *and Ehab talks about Miss Sarah Stone you are acquainted with her would she be a suitable person for him to endeavour to cultivate an acquaintance with he seems to be thinking considerable about the girls but it seems to be all the Girls as near as I can find out

* Note — Such Statements are to be taken "cum grano sali" and much allowance. Sarah Stone is a nice girl besides + and I am a nice man in spite of Dunbarton, & my relations

I. S. Metcalf

Milo. Maine. March 9. 1851. AD.

Dear Sister Anne

A letter from you was received here by the last mail. Lucy maintains that she has written one letter to you that you had not received at the time you wrote. I do not know as I have anything to write, but I can make a beginning. It is Sabbath day. Mr Partridge has gone to be married; and there is no meeting today. Mother and I were going to Brownville to Church but the morning was a regular March Snow storm; latterly the sun has come out brilliantly, and we talked of starting this afternoon, but Mother says it is too late. So I am writing, Lucy is "Lounging", and Mother is looking at her Plants.

Did they write to you how I made a trip in the woods with Samuel? We were gone two or three weeks, and went the rounds with a varied experience of Mountains, Rivers, Lakes, Woods, Camps, and all the et cetera of a Lumberman's life.

I enjoyed the trip very much on the whole. I could enjoy life very well there, except the Sabbaths which are hard.

Since then I have been helping Charles get up Wood. We have got up more than a year's stock of good hard wood; more I guess than he has often or perhaps ever had at the door at one time before.

Both Mother & Lucy are commanding me to write more, but I do not know as there is any more to write. Lucy has said all the good things, and more too. She plays Back Gammon excessively, and gets well slowly

P. S. My name is Isaac

am very glad you are so comfortably situated I would try to commend ... by all means act ... as you have read 'em
A. W. M.

...ever such troubles are light comparatively. I have had some thoughts of staying here, and not going to housekeeping at present, but that, of course, does not suit Samuel.

Isaac says we are growing dissipated in regard to having company lately. Within a fortnight Mr. & Mrs. Smith, and Mehitable & John Furber, spent an evening here; Mr. & Mrs. Austin an afternoon, Mr & Mrs. Sewall called, as also Mr. and Mrs. William ~~Dunn~~.

Albina is fixing Charlie out to go to meeting. He looks 'cunnin' enough in his little sack of dark blue plaid Rob roy with a little crimped ruffle in his neck.

I will write the names of some of the places where Samuel goes, & some others, for your edification. He usually rides more than four hundred miles at one trip. One time when he had been gone a fortnight, he said he had rode 410 miles and scaled eleven hundred thousand logs. Well; Matta~~ma~~scontis, Pattegumpus, Wytopidlock, Wissattacook, Millinockett, Mattakeunk; Mattanaw-cook, Madunkeunk, Kappsogenus, Nahmacanta, Nalcet-nuk, Molun-kus, Passamegam-mock, Sowerdehunk; ~~and~~ Sowadabi-scook & Umbage-gis. I have tried to show the accent, but my hand trembles so I have to write fast, & I dont know as you will be able to pronounce them. I have not heard from Lizzie Dow since I wrote before, only that she has gone to Glenburn. Mother says after Isaac & I are gone, she will write to you more, but shall put it upon us at present. I think Charles will answer your last soon. Almeda & children are well.

affectionately sis Susy.

1st page of [illegible] letter

March 11 - 1851.

Dear Sister

It is Monday morning just after breakfast, which means about eight o'clock. Mother has just commenced washing, Isaac is "waiting & tending" for her benefit. Charles is just fixing away to town meeting, and Albina is making preparations to accompany him and spend the day at her Father's with both the children. I did not intend to write any this time but Isaac says I must finish out the letter, so I'll put in a few words. Mother & I sent a long letter to you some time since, which it seems you had not rec'd when you wrote, but have probably done so ere now.

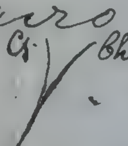
Samuel went into the woods last Monday, after being out a week. He is coming again in two weeks, when I think some of going to Hampden, so as to make the journey by sleighing, but have not certainly decided. He goes but one trip more, whereat I am glad. I think I am gaining a little, though I do not walk yet. If I feel better one day, I am apt to feel enough worse the next to make up. Dr. K. has visited me four or five times, & I think his advice has been beneficial. Charlie is the same darling little fellow as ever. The baby begins to crow & look at his hands a little, and sucks his tongue, at which his friends generally are far from being pleased. I do not think he will ever be so active or interesting as Charlie, but do not know, of course. I expect Bell Furber (till they go away) or Mary Monroe will go to Hampden to be my housekeeper this summer - which arrangement will not be so pleasant as to do my own

Chicago, Illinois, Sabbath, June 15, '51

Dear Sister Anne

The day seems rather a long one, as I am at a Public House and with little to read.
So I believe I will write a little.
There is a good deal of time in all day after deducting only three Church Services. The ~~three~~ services however are not to be found I believe in any one Church here. Some have services at 10½ A.M. & 7½ P.M. Some few at 10½ & 2½. This forenoon I went to the Second Presbyterian. This I judge is the Aristocratic. A new & very splendid Stone Church, finished in highest city style, stained windows &c. But the towers are not completed, & they are already in debt some ~~twelve~~ of fifteen thousand dollars.
Minister is Rev. Mr Patterson.
~~No~~ meeting there this afternoon till 7½
So I went to the First Presbyterian, Rev Mr Curtiss. By no means so stylish, either in Church, audience or preacher. The Sermon however was by a Rev Mr Root of Conn. quite an old fashioned old gentleman.

There is to be a great Missionary Convention here in Chicago, Commencing next Thursday Evening with a sermon from Edward Beecher, and continuing day and evening, over the Sabbath, At Second Presbyterian.
I shall not be here.
I expect to start Monday for Springfield Illinois
By Canal to La Salle or Peru, Steamboat on ~~Illinois~~ Illinois River

to Naples, thence by Rail to Springfield.
I expect to meet Col. R. B. Mason, Chief Engineer of this great Illinois Central R.R. at Springfield at ~~S~~ the last of this week.
It is very possible that I may stay on this R. R.
What a great project it is.
Just look at the Map.
From Cairo the whole length of the State, and in form of 

one terminus at Chicago, one at Galena.
Some of the greatest R.R. men in the Country have got hold of it, and with the help of large land grants from the Government they say it is to be built through about as fast as men and money can do it.

I had a very pleasant journey.
'Twas a beautiful night ride from Westfield to Erie. I enjoyed it much. I wanted though to see that Twenty Mile Creek Gulf by Sunlight instead of Moon light. I staid at Erie one day
Then to Cleaveland by Steamer Fashion.
I will not undertake to say anything about Cleaveland
Cleaveland to Detroit, very pleasant, on the Empire State. I had a very pleasant journey all the way through.
Detroit is not quite so handsome as some Western Cities.
In fact Chicago has little to boast of for beauty, but then there is considerable of it.
Why its 30000 inhabitants are spread over enough room for 300000 at least.

If you have heard from Down East since I was at Westfield, I do wish you would write all the news immediately upon receipt of this, directing to Springfield Illinois

You can hardly imagine how anxious I am becoming to hear from home.

It seems such a long while, travelling about.

If Providence is where Lizzie Doe is it must be a good deal more than 10 Miles from Peoria, some 40 or 50 miles I should think.

Providence is nearer Peru than Peoria I should think

The nearest point on the river is probably Hennepin and it is probably 10 or 15 miles from there.

If I knew the exact place certain, I do not know as it would do for me to stop to go there, but I could contrive someway to send the book.

I must be in Springfield before the 20th June.

There are at least four Catholic churches in Chicago, perhaps more. I stepped into one where a priest was holding forth quite energetically in good pure high German; the language of ~~Schill~~ Schiller and Goethe to perfection; very different however from the German of most of the Emigrants

John, Judson & Jesse Hutchingson have just arrived at this house, with all their curled hair, Mustaches & in a remarkably fine state of preservation—apparently

Sincerely & affectionately

J. S.

CHICAGO ILL.
JUN
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Miss E. Anne Rich
Westfield
New York

Jonesboro, Union Co. Illinois
Friday, Oct. 10. 1851.

Dear Sister Anne

I believe I get letters directed to me pretty surely in the end; but they are usually a long while in reaching me. So you must not expect a letter from me to be in answer to any one you have lately written but to some one long, which you had perhaps almost forgotten. For instance your letter of Sept. 22 lies before me just received last evening, but by the time this answer reaches you it will very probably be November! And your letters of course reach me about the earliest of any. At the same time, Oct. 9, with your letter mailed Westfield Sept. 22. I received four others Post Marked respectively Bangor Sept. 11 Milo Sept. 11. Memphis Tenn. Sept. 17. "Windsor Vt. Sept. 22d", All of them but the one from Tenn, full as early as could be expected earlier in fact than usual, or perhaps possible at any other season. If I should stay here through a Winter & Spring Seasons I hardly know what I shall do.

Your previous letter, written when Eliab was with you, and accompanied by one from him, was duly received, and answered and I hope you have ere now received the answer.

I think Charles & Albina will soon be writing to you; at least if you should continue to write to them occasionally I have just received a really good letter from them, Two pages from Charles & one from Albina, just what I wanted. I had been wanting to hear from there more than any where else for some time. It really did me good. They really

write a very good letter. It is harder for them than if they were accustomed to it more, of course. No doubt it is quite a task. Charles' Crops were very very good generally, though the very cold summer made Corn backward, and they feared a frost before it could ripen. Charles had been unable to get help, but had worked very hard and was securing his crops himself alone. Little Josie was very big, fat, & 9 month, could creep but would not much but preferred climbing up by a Chair which pleased Charlie much &c. &c.

You enquire about my literary priveliges. I must confess they are somewhat limited, being pretty much confined to my Field or Notes Book & a French Testament, without we consider various carefully arranged works with headings like these; Log. Sin. Cos. Tan. Cot. Sec. Cosec. Mer. pts. Rad. Sq's. Cbs. Rts. Emb. Exc. Ord's. Chd's. Lacs. Vsins. &c. &c. to be literature. To be sure there are lots of Country Newspapers, but no one would think of calling them literature; Even an Eastern, or any decent Newspaper one does not see in an age. Yes the Western Methodist Advocate circulates here some little, and I have seen the Ladies Repository a Methodist Magazine, Cinn. The Editor is Dr Tefft, whom you perhaps remember when he preached at Bangor years ago, a beardless boy almost, but bold & Eloquent, & drawing Crowds to hear him. Now Rev. Benj. F. Tefft D.D. of Cinn. Must be rather a young D.D. I think! though he has had the title some years. However he is a scholar and quite an able writer & Speaker, The Magazine is really a pretty good one. But I presume you may see it. —

Harper I wish, but have not seen since June, when you know I came in here, away from the World & the rest of Mankind.

Society we do not pretend to here: do not expect, or think of. One thing I really almost envy you, and that is the opportunity

of hearing Mr Sinker preach every Sabbath. Sabbath priveliges, if they exist at all in this region, are most decidedly of a low character or kind.

I am very glad to hear that Argyle Rumsey's health is improving. I had begun to fear from what you and Eliab wrote before that Consumption was firmly sealed upon him already. Perhaps he had better come to Illinois. This Country is almost or entirely free from Consumption, and the Physicians say that a person with Consumption coming here from the East almost always gets well at once

I should think you must be very pleasantly situated in your new boarding place. Hope you will continue to like. It must be much better for you being so much nearer your school.

How do you like the new Principal?

As for myself, it is very uncertain whether I remain here. I have had a little of the Fever & Ague or Chills and Fever, as they call it here, and do not like it. It is not a very bad disease, but troublesome, stupid, and in fact sort of miserable. I was fortunate enough however to be at Locust Hill, & Mrs Roots was kind to me as a Mother. My prospects are very good here if I will stay. With my present pay I can lay by about $1000. per year But I think I shall not stay for that. I may be able to do very much better: If I should get the Superintendency of 100 or 120 Miles, I should be very pleasantly situated for any country. Some plenty of Good horses to ride about most of the time, and the rest to oversee

business in the pleasantest Office to be found in the distance, and a Salary of two or three thousand. And I have pretty fair prospect of eventually doing so if I stay here.

Here at Jonesboro, County Seat of Union County is one of the most important places in Southern Illinois. But I believe it consists mainly of the little Brick Court House with its Clay floor, and four stores. To be sure there are four Doctors' signs & two taverns at one of which I board. (Said tavern has 11 rooms in all reckoning closets and entries, of which however I am the fortunate possesor of one of tolerable size). However Jonesboro has a good deal of business It is on the great thoroughfare of Texian Emigration. 2000 of those big family covered moving wagons passed through here last year. Sometimes 40 or 50 in a day nowadays

Moreover it is a sort of Centre where come in hordes of these lank yellow cadaverous looking "Suckers" to trade swap and settle.

My room is excellently furnished, having a bed with very few Vermin & two sheets {most beds in this country having only one}, a Wash bowl and pitcher!, Two Chairs, a wee looking glass, and a table large enough to hold a sheet of paper and part of my arm. So you see that although in Illinois, I am exceedingly Aristocratic.

However, joking apart, I am very comfortably situated here, and among pleasant people. Am likely to remain here for a few weeks; but you had better still direct Letters to Mount Hawkins Perry Co. as I am more likely not to be here when you get & answer this.

I must close this.

Sincerely & Affectionately

J. S.

Jonesboro, Union Co. Illinois
Sabbath Eve. Feb. 7. 1852

Dear Sister Anne

It is getting rather late Sabbath evening but I believe I must write a letter to you yet tonight. Though perhaps I have done rather more should be done on the Sabbath of writing letters, and it is now about ten o clock P.M. The fact is I have been out of town for a couple of weeks. In that time the cold weather, frost and snow have departed, the Rivers cleared of ice, Navigation commenced, And the long hoped and expected batch of letters have arrived. I got in town last night, and among the rest found your excellent letter of Jan. 8. 1852. Some of the letters of course have been even longer on the way than was yours. Letters from Mother Lucy & Eliab of about the same date. I supposed likely they might have already got out of all patience in waiting for answers, and thought best to write as soon as possible especially as I am going out of town again early in the morning and shall be away from Post Office all the week. You know I always write to Mother, Brothers & Sisters on the Sabbath; If I did not I fear I should not write quite so often. To day I have stretched the point a little and written also to my Dear Friend

Everett, who, you may remember was with me in New Hampshire, is now in New York, and very anxious to hear from me. I do think however, I have carried the matter rather too far today, as I have already written, before commencing this fourteen closely written pages today! You know though that we have no Afternoon Service in the Churches here. Morning Service at 11 and Evening at 6. or 7. and the Afternoons are very long.

I presume that before this time you have received other letters from me, as I have always written occasionally and rather frequently.

I suppose you hear more regularly and often perhaps, from Bangor, than I do, so I need write none of my News to you. Has Lucy written to you her account of Gen Hodgdons visit there to see Mother, and how prettily Mother blushed when the Old Gen. kissed her, &c. She says Mother was going to box her Ears for what she wrote to me. I do not know if she did or not.

I suppose they have written to you of the nice beautiful new house that Samuel is having built for himself there in Bangor, all so fine.

Samuel will soon be pretty independently well off there in Bangor. It seems he cleared $1400.00 by his Steam Mill operation last Season, in addition to his regular Monthly wages.

That is doing pretty well, is it not?

Eliab I think is enjoying himself finely at School and I think it is being extremely good for him. Had he better go back to Brown's in the Spring

or go into business for himself?

I have not heard from Milo for some time, not since Mother left there I think, though first little Charlie, and after Charles & Albina made a nice visit to Bangor. None of them write to me. Charles, though did write me a nice letter last Summer or Fall. I wrote a letter to Almeda a week or two since, or not very long ago in Jan. at any rate. Your remarks about Almeda are extremely just. I have been thinking about the same things. I am afraid I may have been lacking somewhat in duty towards her. As for her Children it belongs to Lucy and You to contrive, and to Elisha and I to carry out whatever we can. Neither will be backward. I would like to do something for Jamie though he is not a boy that suits me exactly. Few boys do. But my business is rather a bad one. No boy or Young person without well formed and strongly fixed principles should be amongst Engineers. It would be or is a very bad school for youth. very much of temptation. In some respects it is a little akin to the Military profession, as Civil Engineering is in some respects more similar than one would imagine to its brother or sister art of Military Engineering, the same all engrossing devotion to Mathematics & materiel, instead of — any thing else. Science every thing, and every thing else nothing, very high notions of honor, and very loose practice of morality. But I remember me of the bird fouling its own nest!

It is a noble profession, & not only that, it is Divine

You speak of Winter here as necessarily very dreary I have enjoyed it very much. My health has been excellent, and growing better & better. My business has been pleasant. I enjoy the riding very much, and my horse never gets Sloughed. By the way, I must tell you of my horse. I have bought a young horse that pleases me very much. Very high spirited, but king, gentle, generous and courageous, and very playful. I love the fellow much. And I do love to ride horseback.

As for staying here, I suppose I am pretty well established in it. I can doubtless do better here than elsewhere and can now have really a very comfortable place here. My head quarters and place of abode at Jonesboro, about the most pleasant place all things considered in the Southern part of the State. I had the choice to go into the Northern or central part of the State, but prefered to stay here. I believe this is really the healthiest country and the country here is much better for my permanent interest as I think. My pay is not bad, at any rate I can lay up $1000.00 per annum clear of all expenses, which is not bad ~~for~~ a young man in any profession. It is uncertain whether I would do as well any where else.

I do not fear the ague. It is a bad and fearful disease only because neglected. It is harmless and ~~more~~ under control than almost any thing else

My this ~~letter~~ is almost filled, and I shall get to bed before Eleven. I am inclined to think you had better quit teaching and go to Bangor & Milo and enjoy yourself. What do I think of Kossuth. I think he is almost immeasurably the greatest man in the World Eljen Kossuth!

Sincerely J. S.

Jonesboro, Union Co. Ill.
Thursday April 22. 1852

Dear Sister Anne

Your excellent letter of April 3 was received yesterday with much pleasure. Your plan of writing letters hastily and often is I think a very good one. It is one you know that I have always followed. I always scribble off a whole sheet perhaps of whatever comes uppermost as fast as I can write, my letters of course are poor things, but they do not cost much either of time or effort. It is pleasant to hear frequently from friends especially relatives even if they do not say any thing very bright and when letters cost but three cents apiece it is hardly worth while to find fault with the quality. As far as your letters are concerned though I cannot see as the excellence of the style or matter is injured at all by the haste of writing.

I should think your French Correspondence with Eliale [?] might be quite profitable as well as agreeable to both of you.

You are anxious about Eliale. I am and have been very much so. I hardly know what to do about it. It troubles me more than any thing else I believe of late. I expect that he has been quite sick at Northampton,

though he has not written very particularly about it. I hope that he is before this time at Bangor, though I have not heard from him for a week or two. Am quite anxious to do so.

About my being at Westfield to home go with you next July is extremely uncertain in spite of the temptations you hold out before me. It is now quite probable that I shall go East next month, sometime in May, probably before the middle at least. If I have the chance then fairly, it would hardly do to wait and run the so great risk of getting away later. It would certainly be extremely pleasant if we could go home together. It may be possible yet, and I will write as soon and as fast as I can tell about the matter.

You give a very fine description of Miss Woodbury She must be quite an agreeable lady I think. How old is she? Is she "engaged"? Is she really very homely? You know my expressed determination if I do ever get East again not to come back here without bringing a wife, if I can find any New England girl who will come with me!

You speak of Fun & humor as a recommendation. Certainly, one of the greatest possible for anyone, Especially if its exercise be mainly upon things not persons. If it falls into satire upon mankind or upon human nature it is dangerous and to be avoided. But there is perhaps no more beautiful expression of a really good heart.

than a Sportive looking in joyous good will upon the bright side of every thing.

My beautiful horse is dead. I really loved him, & he loved me. It pained me more than twice the worth of him to see him suffer. It would have affected any one to see him in his painful illness, strive so to lean his head against me, as if realizing that I would help him if I could. Even when he could no longer stand he would reach his head round to get it to me.

I suppose he got poisoned. Night before last I stopped at Murphysboro, Jackson Co., where it is supposed that by some accident or carelessness, he got some seeds of the Castor Oil Plant, Castor Beans they call them in among his feed. These Beans are supposed extremely fatal to the horse, one or two only killing a horse at once. Yesterday morning he was as well as could be wishes lively & merry as a bird, and this Afternoon he died. He was a very promising young fellow, and ~~probably~~ perhaps worth a hundred dollars. Well. I am able to get another. but I would hardly see him suffer so for the worth of two such.

Why do you skip half of Macaulay's England?
Your Mr Johnson, who has "done reading books" has done with one half of the enjoyment of life.

Those three states of Mankind, Physical, intellectual & Moral is perhaps just as fully true as that each individual must pass through such three states.

Birds are singing with you Apr. 3. Here I believe there is nearly as good singing in the depth of winter

as at any time of year.
This Spring is very unusually cold and backward, very much so; but I saw young birds, Bluebirds, full fledged days ago!

What do you think of Spiritual Rappings at Bangor? And of Dr Ponds' Sermon upon consulting familiar Spirits?

Received letter from Lucy Yesterday written March 22. Eliab not arrived at Bangor.
Lucy it seems has been writing successfully for the Mother's Magazine.
It is getting late. 10½ P.M.
Write Often & I will.

Sincerely J. S.

Du Quoin, Perry Co. Illinois
Sabbath. September 25th, 1853

Dear Sister Anne

Your letter was received yesterday. We had been anxiously expecting it for some time, and wondering what startling developements it might contain; but must acknowledge that we were somewhat taken by surprise. Antoinette however stoutly maintains that she fully expected something of the kind.

I cannot stop now for congratulations, felicitations, or condolences, but now write simply to direct you the way to get here. For come here you must at any rate: we cannot & will not have it any other way. And it is perfectly easy to get here now a days, and with very little trouble. At Peru you are in the same state and only two or three hundred miles from here. In one year more we will have a Railway, the main trunk of the Illinois Central direct from Peru or La Salle here. Now you will have to go round a little, by way of St Louis. You take tickets at La Salle to St Louis, by way of Alton. The route is partly the Ill. Central & partly the Chicago & Mississippi. There is now but 20 miles of Staging & in October likely the Cars will run all the way to Alton. From Alton a Steam Ferry boat carries you a few miles to St Louis. From St Louis to Chester Steam boats are running all the time

The trip takes half a day, or a night; the boats mostly leave just at night. The Ohio River Packets are the best boats. From Chester to DuQuoin is 40 miles across the Country. Horses & Carriages are always to be hired there to convey; or if you could let me know a day or two before hand, ~~I will~~ just what day you will be at Chester, I will be there with horses & Carriage to bring you out here, and will carry you back there.
That will be the best way, make your arrangement before so as to know just what day, and let me know making allowance for slow & irregular Mails, and giving me a spare day or two for I may be away from home on the receipt of your letter. I suppose you should allow two days from La Salle to Chester; that is if you wish to stop over in ~~St~~ Louis. If not, with good luck you would be only 24 hours. Can you not write to me before hand what day you will leave Peru or La Salle?
If you direct DuQuoin Perry County Ill. it is more sure to come direct & without detention
It is the best of all times of year to visit this Country; late enough to be most perfectly healthy — and yet before the time of bad weather & bad travelling.

Monday morn. Sept. 26. My little humming bird being risen, washed & dressed and perched on a pillow in his carriage by my side, I proceed to add my voice in favor of your projected visit. How glad we shall be to see you! Do please come if it be possible! We are anxious not only to see Jennie, but her friend. Dear

Since, what great and important tidings your letter
brought. Aunt Lo soon to don the "Matrimonial Crown"
I am very, very glad that good friend of yours, Emily
Coleman is with you. How much good she can do you.
Sister Zoe married too! The great school of Misses
Rich & Doe! Isaac exclaims. Will you not long remem-
ber with pleasure this last year so happily spent
with dear relatives. They will I know, for they
often speak in letters to us of the enjoyment your
presence has afforded. Isaac is waiting to take this to
the Office; so I will not write more unto thee
with ink and pen, but I trust I shall shortly
see thee, and we shall speak face to face.

In much love —

Antoinette.

Duquoin, Perry Co. Ill. Sept. 24. 1854

Dear Sister Anne

Your letter of the 15th inst. to Charles was received last night. We were both very glad to hear from you. I had been a long time expecting a letter from you; and really ought to have written myself long before, whether I heard from you or not. But really I have been very much pressed with business this summer. I have written letters only in direct answer to those I have received; and have done little else except just as I was absolutely o=bliged to do it. You know it has been excessively hot every where. Here still more so. For three full Months here there was no rain, and hardly a sin=gle day in the whole time when the Thermometer was not above 90° F. in the coolest places to be found. And at one time three weeks when ~~it~~ did not fall below 80° F. at any time. I could imagine nothing like the drouth except perhaps in Sahara, or perhaps on the Pampas of S. A. The atmosphere night as well as day seemed perfectly dry. For a whole month there was not a particle of dew even. The drouth has been very extensive and very bad all over the Country; but I have

but I have heard of no place where it has been quite as bad as in this immediate region. But my health has been very good, and I have felt the heat much less than I did last year & year before when it was not nearly as excessive. I believe I have become thoroughly acclimated here. But my principal Assistant Mr Mitchell, has been sick this summer — laid up for a whole month with a Billious Fever. That of course very much added to my labors & cares. And since Mr Mitchell's recovery, others of the Subordinates have been sick a good deal, thus taking Mr Mitchell's time to attend to details, and depriving me of much of his Assistance. William Crosby of Hampden Maine who you know came out here with me, and is now Mr Mitchell's Leveler in charge of the Track Laying has been unwell — has the ague so much he is worth but little. There is a good deal of sickness everywhere this Season; much more than last. My own health though remains very good.

I do not know when I shall go East. It is very difficult for me to get away at all. It is hardly decided whether Antoinette will come out here again this Fall. Probably not however. It is a sickly season, and hardly safe for her to come out till rather late — and then it will be but a short time before I shall get through here: and it is hard for her to travel so far with a Child.

I did think to get through by the first of December; but may not before the first of January. I have a good deal to do first. If necessary I could have got away about October 1st; but as I could stay, more is put upon me, in finishing up, and getting regular trains in Operation. After I do get through here I expect a Vacation. You have not heard of the great "something" that didn't quite "turn up" in my case. You did probably hear of the celebrated "Minnesota Land Bill". Congress passed an Act making a great grant of Land to a Co. to build a great Rail Road in Minnesota. Afterwards on acct of some supposed fraud <u>repealed</u> the act. That act established a great R.R. Co. which would have gone on with the best prospects of any new R.R. project in the Co. Well; the Engineering was offered to our Chief Roswell B. Mason. He could not of course leave the Ill. Central at present; but was to have a sort of honorary charge of the new project, putting on Engineers of his selection, and over looking the Surveys and Locations. — And — I. S. Metcalf of 2 Div. I.C.R.R. (who is supposed to have approved himself very well there) was to have had a highly honorable & responsible position upon the New {Please excuse this spot} Road in Minesota. This would have been the height of good fortune; for in the present depression of the Rail Road interests generally such chances are likely for a while to be remarkably scarce. However the friends of the Minnesota & North Western R.R. Project say that it is certain to <u>go</u> eventually; and it is only to wait a year.

And after all it will not be extremely unpleasant after three or four years confinement here to have a summer for recreation & rest, instead of being obliged to hurry away to a new Road this Fall - months before I could finish my business here with any satisfaction to myself, or my principals. I do dislike very much to leave any thing I undertake unfinished, I have begun, and carried on, this 52 miles of Rail Road - and I really like to finish it. and expect to get some credit for it.

By the way, it is whispered that I have got here the finest stone bridge (for a little one) in the Western States: some say even more than that of it. It cost $15,000.00 and certain Judges of Masonry & Architecture have pronounced it worth $50.000.00!

Well I have filled this letter with "I". Excuse it.

I am sorry to hear that your fruit is injured by the Drouth. Here the fruit is almost entirely destroyed. In very few places is there any at all eatable.

Our first rain here was last Tuesday 19th.

Do you really expect Mother to come West this Fall? I do wish she would. Mother & Lucy write as if they would go to New Hampshire this Fall.

You have heard how badly Albina bears Charles' absence. I expect they blame me for keeping him. He will probably return soon. His health has been very good here.

I hope you will write again soon & Never

Sincerely Isaac

Winslow House, St Paul, Minnesota Territory
Sabbath P.M. July 8, 1855

Dear Sister Anne

They call this the North Western Metropolis, and I believe it is quite worth visiting. I have as yet seen nothing of the surrounding country, but have spent one day here: arrived here yesterday morning, and employed the day in looking about the town. It does seem something like a Mushroom, or an exhalation that has sprung up over these bluffs in a night, and one almost feels almost anxious for the effects of a morning's sun upon it. Less than seven years ago this was all an untrodden wilderness; now a city of six or seven thousand inhabitants, and 1500 emigrants have arrived here already this spring. It is not altogether such an unsubstantial affair either. The really First Class Hotel where I am stopping ~~cost~~ cost $40.000.00 or $50.000.00. And there is another building this season to cost $100.000.00. There are two or three, perhaps more ten & twelve thousand dollar churches. I was a little surprised or amused at the sermon I heard this forenoon from Rev E. D. Neil of the First Presbyterian Church. It was simply a Fourth of July Oration — a pretty good one for a Military Celebration I should think. To be sure he took a text, but it was only to introduce his subject, and exactly "That Righteousness exalteth a Nation", but rather the glory of this Nation in its sires & founders especially Washington. Most of it in fact was simply an eulogy of the Character of Washington Very well in its way, but it did not seem to me very much a sermon

There is no afternoon service here until 8 P.M. & I shall occupy part of the P.M. in writing Letters.
After I left you at Elyria, I stopped about two days at Chicago, and reached Du Quoin on Sat. night. I staid there about five days, leaving again last Monday night at 12 P.M. and on Wednesday night July 4th left Dunleith on the Minnesota Packet Galena. The river was rather low, and we were delayed by fogs so as to be obliged to lay up nights, and did not arrive here until Saturday Morning.
The Upper Mississippi! I cannot describe it. You must come up here some time to see it for yourselves. If there is any river scenery in the world to compare with it, it is somewhere that I have not seen. The beauty of the Hudson River Scenery! Why the Hudson can about as well compare with the Upper Mississippi as a Trout Brook with Niagara. There — I suppose I am wild — but I was really carried away with it — I did not expect any thing of the kind, and really could not make any comparisons. The River valley is from two to five Miles wide, bordered by bluffs 200 to 400 feet high in every variety; sometimes bold perpendicular or overhanging walls of rock, like the Hudson river Palisades; sometimes rocky walls, half concealed in trees & shrubbery; sometimes beautiful green, grassy slopes to the very Top: sometimes sprinkled with trees like Orchards: sometimes part grassy slopes, and partly terraced

terraced walls of rock between, or long green slopes with turretts & castles of rock at their summits. Frequently it would be a long grassy slope from the bottom, then midway a perpendicular wall of rock 20 or 50 or 100 ft. high, and above that another long grassy slope rounding away, perhaps sprinkled occasionally with trees, to a beautiful crowning summit, which you may imagine the edge of the mighty prairie whose only ~~bound~~ horizon is the sky above it. And then the variety, ~~of~~ of form & position, as ravines & brooklets & streams and rivers come down through or among these magnificent barriers to mingle with the old Father of Waters. And then the valley between this 2 to 5 Miles of River is but little of it water. It is full of Islands, Islands of every shape; low grassy islands, with lagoons full of lillyes in quiet beauty; Islands of bushes; & magnificently wooded Islands; high prairie Islands, or sprinkled with low trees like orchards — and all just as nature left it —. Then the river, in numerous & varied channells everywhere winding, gliding or hurrying among these islands. The course of the Steam boat would be, now, in a channel at one side right under a mighty perpendicular bluff of rock, the home of the eagles; now winding for miles among the beautiful islands; and anon on the other shore skirting that magnificent slope, a very mountain of smooth grass.

Most of the 300 or 320 Miles between Dunleith & St Paul is as I have described. What is called Lake Pepin some 30 Miles long is simply the 2 to 3 Mile wide River without the islands, but bordered by the same glorious bluffs & prairies.

Well really after all I have tried considerable to describe the Upper Mississippi. At any rate you may be sure it is worth the seeing.

I can hardly tell how long I shall stay up here; probably two weeks or so. There is to be a great Indian Payment some 150 Miles up the River this week or next which I want to attend. It is said to be quite an Exhibition; Then I want to visit both the St Croix Valley where the Lumbermen live, and also the Minnesota River valley which I suspect is to be the great place. When I do return I shall probably go by way of Elyria.

Sincerely
Isaac S.

Bangor Sem. Sept. 8th 1839

Dear Sister

I expect that James F. Walker (my room mate you know) will go to Boston before long. I gladly embrace the opportunity of writing a few lines to you, that you may know that I am again digging at the Greek and Latin &c.

I have been home and spent five weeks; got back last monday Sept. 2d. I had an excellent visit; was at home just about in haying time. The hay is very good this year, got in 36 loads before I left and had all the bank and the seed hay, (4 acres) to cut then. Charles has got a Cradle and cradles his grain this year; had cut 2½ acres of Wheat and one of Oats before I left. The wheat is not very good this year I believe. The folks were all in very good health. Joseph came and brought me down with the horse and wagon; we got down here about 3 P.M. and Joseph went back as far as Mower's tavern the same night.
I suppose that you have heard that got home safe and well August 23d, but she left my books behind her and I want them right off, this week. Ann, I believe, wrote to James to send them by the steamboat, and I can get them at the steamboat office

I do not see as I can find any thing to write to you to fill out my letter hardly; every thing gets along pretty much as it used to at home and I am sure, there is nothing here to write about, it is all the same dull, unva-

-ous routine of Studies and Chores; day after day and week after week till you are tired of it.
I have more time to study out of School hours now than I shall have by and by I expect rather. when time comes to dig garden sauce etc cetera. I now milk the Cow, feed and turn her out, feed the pigs, make the fires, dig vegetables to eat etc. besides many little chores. I shall have to saw wood, when it comes winter, if I stay here.

While I was to home once a Fox, a Muskrat, and a wild duck, but the Fox died and we let the duck go so that only the mucky remains. ~~it is a real pet.~~
I stay at home and write this letter today, because my coat is not done so that I can go to church, decently
Old Mrs. Harlow, Grandmam, is now in her 80th year and has within a few weeks made up entirely a pair of shirts, herself, for S. W. Walker. Is not that a considerable of a story to tell of an Octogenarian?

Wed. Sept. 18th

I wrote the preceding some time since, expecting to send it by S. F. Walker, but he afterward concluded not to track that way so I laid it by in my trunk, but to day, Mr. N. Hatch who has been to Milo, brought me some letters from Ann etc. to send to Boston I thought I would send this as it would be easier than to write a new one! I shall sent it with the others if I have a chance. I recieved the bundle of books, letters etc. from Boston, Mon. 16th and sent part of it to Milo the same night, but it had not been recieved when Mr. Hatch left there. It is rather a pity that they had not. The books came very opportunely and were much needed

I expect that you will find all the news from Milo in the other letters; however the boys have got their little batteau boat again! Why did you not write to me by the bundle? You oiteur.

In Mr. Burke's letter he said I must write an answer to it, how can I? I cant no how, dont know how no how

I am getting along pretty well in my Latin and Greek; just beginning to read in Greek. Most, that is more than half through Virgil. Compositions bother me greatly as yet. I have spoken to day, cant make out much, at that, neither. My coat is being made at Mr. Fox's tailor, here. will be done sometime this week. I am rather sorry, that so costly a one was got for me. I dont approve of fine and expensive dressment. I dont at all suppose that this letter is worth sending, but if I can send it as well as not I will.

Mr. Hatch went to Milo the 18th and did not get back till to day was there a week, quite a visit, it is vacation the seminary

Isaac Sept. 8th.
1839.

Miss. Lucy H. Metcalf
Boston Ms.
11 Wheeler Court

[illegible]town Jan.y 1850

Brother Samuel

I enclose to you a letter to my Mother, who is probably at your house by this time. He was the [illegible] of going there last week.

What do you think of Howell Cobb as Speaker of the House? Do you, like some in these parts, try to throw the blame upon the Freesoilers, instead of where it rightly & really belongs, upon the "Whig Party"? However is not that same Whig Party in rather 'bad sledding' this Winter? What can they do?

I look with the most hope for this Winter to old Benton. He is now the most prominent man in the country. He unites great powers of mind with a greater portion of Common Sense than most men. He takes wider views of things than most politicians.

That Senate Chamber is to be a mighty Battle field this winter, a glorious one too I hope, if Henry Clay does not creep in with some miserable paltry "compromise" or other. It does seem as if Clay were old enough, & should be wise enough, to look farther ahead than one session of Congress. It is strange that with his splendid abilities, he can never comprehend that another generation is to succeed this. How different from Benton, or Webster, if Webster only had moral courage enough to be governed by his own foresight.

But I am afraid this kind of politics will not interest you.

Write to me.

V. W. H.

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Samuel W. Furber Esq.
Bangor
Maine

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Isaac March 3d Goffstown N.H. March 3. 1850

Dear Sister Lucy, I have not heard one word from any of you since I left Bangor, and that seems a great while agone. Feb. 10. I wrote to Charles & Eliab from Portland, and again to Joseph or some of you after I got here, about 15th perhaps. After that I went around into Mass. to Grout's 19. 20th to Greenfield where are established some of my old folks. Mr A.R. Field & wife, my Rufus Mr. Crossman & wife; in fact our whole party at Northfield. I spent a day or more there very pleasantly. Mr Crossman got up an evenings refreshment of all manner of fruits &c. & a grand time. Mr Field, who you must know is a very saving man, insisted upon paying my expenses, and hoped I would give him the privilege of so doing frequently.

21st I went to Northfield. called at Parson's, Dickinson's, whose oldest boy Williams you know has been very sick for a year nearly, Feversore &c. also at Rev. Mr Jones, Mr Dutton's &c.

22d With Coz Joseph & wife &c. who came up from Grouts, Hired horses & went out to Warwick. At Uncle Joseph's found that Eve. One of the celebrated Warwick "Braiding Parties" nearly a hundred folks, every room full braiding Palm leaf. I had no idea there were so many folks in Warwick. Some of them rather awkward & slow of life. {you know it takes a Warwick folks from 2 to 10 years to live one year's life usually:} but they are really pretty good sort of folks. and appeared to enjoy themselves very well.

Feb. 23. We made quite a day of it. In the morning rode up to Aunt Conant's after her, but she was Baking and would not come till After Noon. So we went ~~over~~ to Uncle Williams', Staid there to Dinner: Then took Lucy & went back to Uncle Joseph's ~~Aunt~~ Aunt Conant there & a Nice time. Aunt C is really a very superior woman, considering her circumstances & life. It must be a strong mind even to not become imbecile in such a life as is theirs. We got a big horse sled & Slided down hill on the crust, grand, Joseph & Jane, Maria, Lucy & I. We did try so hard to get all those old folks to sliding. I would have given 10.00 myself to have got Uncle & Aunt C. upon that Sled. I would have warranted them five years younger. They did all come out and look at us; and I know that Uncle Ben has not felt so well for years as he did that day. But Uncle Joseph was the only one we could get on to the sled; He became about as young as any of us. At Night, we went over to Edward ~~[illegible]~~ Mayo's, and made a call There are some pretty smart girls there, Maria & Anne Mayo. quite well educated &c. I made their acquaintance at "Braiding Meeting". Then Back to Uncle Joseph; then I carried Lucy W. home & stopped there. I never got acquainted with Lucy Williams before. She is certainly a very fine girl. She hasn't her equal in those parts I know. That Baldwin did not begin to be worthy of her. They say it was probably on the time you were there Summer before last that they separated; and nobody there [she has never even mentioned his name] ever suspected it perhaps for Six months! If she were not my Cousin & a Unitarian I declare I do not know but I should like Lucy Williams! She cannot enjoy herself

very well there I do believe, wants to go away & teach but her father is not willing. I do
believe She & Maria Stevens will go down East this Summer. I should not wonder
you had a lot of Mass. folks to expect. Uncle & Cos. Jos. Uncle Jacob &c. possibles.
Nov. 25th Joseph carried Aunt Esther home with him. Uncle Jos. went to Boston
and I to Royalston. Uncle Jacob same as ever: done all his work himself and
...t in near 150.00 worth of timber, Chair stuff. Any hard wood stick 4 in through
is worth 3.00 per cord there you know. Samuel gone away. Aunt rheumatic
one of her daughter there. Josiah teaching School in Templeton. He broke a
boy's leg in School this winter by accident, sued for 1000.00 damages.
Called at Mr Perkins, Mrs. P. very sorry that her daughters were not at home!
Mr. P. is a shrewd speculator, sending lumber to California &c. Smart business man
has not been to Church for a Year! Obadiah Goddard is getting rich
fast. He buy's cattle in Feb & March, 20 or 30 sells Fat Cattle in Summer
26th P.M. went back down to Grouts. Night went to Boston in Cattle Train
with Joseph. Got there morning early. Staid there till
March 1st Free Soil Convention &c.
Came up here yesterday.

I did think of getting home last week, but concluded all things considered
to come up this way, and go and attend a great N. H. Central Rail Road
Meeting this week at Newport. By the way, I met Mr N. K. Price our
N. H. C. "Agent" in Boston, who ~~desired~~ with much earnestness that I should
not engage any where else. Said there was prospect Mr Chase might leave and they
would want me immediately! which put me in mind of Mr Field's asking me next
year when I had charge of the N. H. C. R. R. to give him a Division under me, if he wanted!!
But that is all folly. Mr Chase will stay. Mr C. & Mr P. quarrelled, but I guess it is settled.
If I can keep on in good terms with both & all parties, I will do well. I am so at present.
Mr Chase wants me sure, if he goes on. & the Agent & Directors would offer me any thing.
Still I may fall through between both, especially if the Road does not go on.
I bought some books in Boston; among the rest, Cheever's Lectures on
Pilgrim's Progress, which Joseph wanted to read. I bought a few books at
Auction. The temptation was too great, to have money in my pocket and see books
sold cheap as that &c. I do want to hear from you all and Joseph especially ...me Mayo. quite well
I think it too great thing do not tumble up at "Braiding Meeting". Then back
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These Boys are more full of excellencies than an egg is full of Meat — as you will readily perceive by some of their communications — how I very much need you here to help me take care of 'em —

I'm going to send your old carpet bag by Mr [illegible] which it contains treasures untold — or to come a little nearer the truth I couldn't find any thing that was hardly worth sending but it's what I could —

Joseph seems to be as well as he has been as far as I can see but he does not walk at all now except a step or two when he goes to bed (it has been very difficult hard for him you know for a long time) think it best perhaps to try it while Isaac is here

Almeda is here — came down herself notwithstanding it is excessively muddy she has not been here before this long time there are great banks of Snow here & there by the side of the fences &c ~~but~~ the road is very bad indeed

Sophia Thomson had her Breast taken off — Almeda was there she bore the Operation better than was expected I have not heard from her since

If I send you some Money for it you will please get some Cord & tassels for window Curtains and Almeda wants tassels and some black worsted — I cant think of any thing that is necessary but my nerves only do

Come home soon as you can conveniently

I want a [illegible] for Lizzie go to [illegible] for [illegible] for it & for you trimming

I send you Montgomery Work,

take of my money at [illegible] to get Mother's cord & tassels Almeda

Milo

Lucy

Mother has been writing to Lucy, but on enquiring for her letter to write a few words, it turns out to be only certain homeopathic scraps of paper she has written on.

Still, I see that this part of the world is to suffer great loss. Having been appointed Chief Engineer of the N.H. Central R.R. I may feel myself obliged to tear myself away.

We want Samuel & Elijah to discover and let us know whether Alfred Holman is at work in the Steam Mill, what he is doing and whether he could for any reasonable compensation be procured to come and take care of Joseph, or carry on Charles's farm and let him to it.

This should be known & decided upon immediately.

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I trust Lucy that you are already a good deal better than when you were here do be carefull of your self dont let it wear upon you if the Girls are troublesome remember they are but children – Lucy's mind seems all taken up with Mr. Temple [illegible] is natural he has taken great interest in her Spiritual welfare – he really seems to be a very Spiritual minded devoted Man he feels a great anxiety for John Tucker it he hopes you & Samuel to talk with him – find out his state of Mind encourage him and lead him on there were [illegible] persons [illegible] at the enquiring meeting last Sabbath.

Now as Isaac is going away we will be more anxious than ever that you come home and stay awhile say when raspberries are ripe – that time come and [illegible] we shall be without Isaac – C. & [illegible] have pretty concluded they shall not go to [illegible] this Summer [illegible]

Mother & Isaac 1850.

Dont forget to look up
Alfred immediately
Isaac will not go till next week
perhaps not so soon till next
after

Thank you very much Dear Dault for your good nice letter ye are a nice good Gal for it & for remembering the birth days & for many other things — Did'nt it hurt you awfully to have your teeth filld and the decayed tooth extracted I suppose that was the worst — It made me feel almost sick thinking of it — The fear of the Dentist having a poor job of it for himself did'nt worry me at all I think they make money enough in their business generally — O Dr. Webster — what are the highest attainments without religious principle — How strange it is that he could command himself so as to appear just as usual all that week before his Arrest — It was'nt convenient to except your invitation — their Husbands — did'nt know that Margeret & Sarah had any hope they are good ones — I want to see your Pictures they were very cheap if they were such as are worth having at all — I think your dresses very pretty Almeda is about making hers — I have done nothing about to mine I shall need it soon but it is most to pretty to wear common as I shall have to — I don't let Albinge have the veil — How pleasant & good it is to have Isaac here with Jane his being out of business which to some might seem unfortunate seems to me a kind providence — How unlikely it is that they'll ever have such a time again J. does not walk any to speak of now I don't know but he would some if Isaac was not here he has written to Dr. Warne frequently is taking his medicine he has written to Dr. Munde likewise — he does not take his baths except once a week or so

Joseph had a beautiful Book Mark from Rev. A. Moore a days ago since — I believe Joseph wrote to Dr. Tappan and to Dr. Shepherd in behalf of us poor Maine sinners he has not heard from Dr. S. but Dr. T. wrote him a letter stating that he had written to Rev. Wheeler Foster on the subject ~~& he concurred in the opinion~~ that there may be a Missionary sent here — that he thinks very favorably of a supply being granted. But deems it highly important that it should be the right Man — Says we hope to obtain for you during the approaching Vacation in the Senior may be Bangor an acceptable faithful young man belonging to the present Senior Class — Isn't it remarkable that a movement is made in 4 or 8 weeks is all the preaching we have in town — we have a Society Meeting at the Corner of 15 or 20 persons Isaac reads — Mr. Burgess talks & sings prayer meeting at Almeda's 10 or 15 generally including the family Mr Mathers seems quite engaged & consistent his prayers & exortations that but very good & appropriate — Pray for us God is able and Mighty to save — But my faith is weak I can see very little reason for expecting any right state of feeling at present you that have the blessed privileges of hearing Dr. Shepherd
Lay Sermons must be rising in the scale of being far above us poor mortals here i.e. if you are faithful to yourselves we seem to be hermetically sealed in thick darkness

If Sam'l's sermons should be preached in Bangor would not you find it expedient to move there

have just been reading Ik's Essay on Nature on health doubtless it contains some truths at any rate you'd think so should you see how he does "practice upon the precepts inculcated" you certainly would give him credit for being sincere. x If I had room, I ~~would introduce~~ would introduce a commentary upon this passage. You perceive its obscurity. I would a kindly throw out a suggestion lest that Dreams are sometimes interpreted by contraries

You ought to have gone to the Dentist sooner Lucy, I think I have told you so before. It costs more and it less efficacious beside after the teeth have become so much decayed. I had mine filled, three or four holes, two or three years since by a Dentist of Reputation in Brattleboro for $.50 per cavity. So I should think you paid a pretty good price.

Another thing now I think of it, I want to give you a lecture upon the Subject of health, as I have lately to Eliab. there is perhaps no need of enlarging upon the excellence of the blessing, or the importance of preserving it generally; still you & Eliab do need warnings. With you as well as with Joseph there is a great fundamental defect of character; the great primary preservative principle of Laziness, is almost entirely wanting. With Joseph a hundred thousand dollars would not be a fair equivalent for the injury that defect has caused him. We cannot tell the extent of the injury already caused to Eliab; perhaps twenty years of life. You all started in life with a wrong principle, a wicked simple principle; Viz: that your own personal ease comfort & convenience, were of no sort of importance or at least entirely secondary; instead of being as in truth the grea[t] and all important thing. "Self preservation is the first Law of Nature". A benevolent God has impla[nted in] most minds sufficient Laziness & Selfishness to secure this. In some few cases, either as a punishment for sins of some preceding generations, or to give opportunity of trial for a new triumph of Right Reason over difficulties He has withheld the Boon. It is your imperative moral duty to consider yourself of more value than many sparrows; your own ease comfort & feelings more importance than any else whatever. } I guess I will omit the remainder of this occasion until some future opportunity.

Mother ordains that you come up here again as soon as possible.

How long I remain is uncertain; am liable to go about every other day. Think some of going Down East. St. Andrews & Quebec R.R. Expect to hear from there very soon.

Did Mother write that I am Lazy? I have cleansed the Augean Stables, and performed various other Wonders upon the Old Book Case & Newspaper Shelves; have burned up with fire, and sold for paper Rags 100 Cords old worthless books and papers; and should like to do the same by double quantity of old clothes &c. If I find some opportunity when Mother was out of the house. There['s] no telling how I pined till I got them[?] thro' 'em to get up stairs to bed o' nights.

X on reading the rest of Isaac's I will just own up, that he has done a very good job arranging the Books & papers [illegible] (good boy well done) beside keeping the floor covered with rubbish a little less than a fortnight while he read every thing he came to X

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Mrs. Saml. W. Farber
Bangor
Maine

Joseph & Isaac. April

Manchester N. H. Nov. 10. 1850

Dear Sister Lucy

I hope you have got pretty well by this time; and intend to come and see for myself pretty soon, perhaps before this week is out; perhaps not.

You can not tell how frightened I was when I first heard that you were very sick. Samuel's letter did not reach me for a long time, perhaps till you were most well, or nicely getting well. It went first up to Bradford, then remailed from there to Oil Mill Village; and at last after a day or two found its way down here. I kept thinking that perhaps you were worse and I did not hear of it for so long; and troubling myself among other things because I had not written as soon as I came down here to let all the folks know where I was.

And now, though I have heard once or twice since then that you were getting better nicely, yet I am quite anxious to hear again how you get along. Mother it seems has gone home to Milo, and Almeda come down to stay with you. Anne, I believe I understood from the latest letters had gone to Milo, or was going. I really want to see her; and mean to before long.

Your little one is dead. I suppose it was hard parting with it, even though you had hardly time to begin to love it: yet it always seems to me it is hardly right to mourn in such a case; the death of an infant. In one sense, is not the soul of that child a fortunate one? It has received of God

the glorious gift of life, — life & immortality; and then in the enjoyment of that Godlike gift, is released at once from all life's evils & uncertainties, from Sin & Sorrow, from trial & probation. One should rather rejoice in having given birth to an immortal Soul, a Soul saved by Christ, and without the Sin & evil of life, and the uncertainty of probation; a Soul awaiting for you in a better and happier world than this: "One more added to the attractions of heaven" Is it not so?

Again May not this world ~~even~~ be better even for that Child's short life, if it warms & purifies one other heart giving it one other silver tie to the better world; and thus that Child's short thread of life better accomplish life's great end, than many a three score years & ten.

I am almost beginning to like Manchester. I have always disliked it before you know. One reason may be I have always before been obliged to stop at the Public houses, and I do not like them very well. Now I board at a private boarding house, which I like much better. The "folks" are three old Maiden Sisters, one a Congregationalist, one Episcopalian, one Methodist, and all very good sort of people. The other boarders beside Everett & Myself are a N. H. Central R. R. Office Clerk, a very gentlemanly sort of man, with his wife & children, One Dry goods Clerk, and three Milliner girls, very respectable people too, and two at least of them, head Milliners, in different shops.

On the whole, I like both the people and the folks very well, and much prefer it to the Hotel, beside being Cheaper; which is great point to Everett especially.

This evening I dropped into the Methodist Church. The fact is I do really like the Methodists, on some accounts. To tell the plain truth about it, I am almost inclined to think sometimes that I ought to have been a Methodist. Perhaps it would have made a better man of me. and I really believe I should have been valuable as a Methodist. I should have enjoyed their fervor and enthusiasm, and perhaps partaken more of it, and yet, being quicker to feel & think, than to express feelings & thoughts, might have been a pretty good balance to some of the rest.

Samuel, do you want to borrow some more Money? I ought to have received a hundred or two of the N. H. C. before this time, probably shall soon at any rate, and could lend it to you if you want it. Moreover three hundred and fifty or more dollars of my last year's account, which I left on interest will be due the first of January. There was one time when I almost wished I had the money in my hand instead of the Note, though I suppose any thing against any Corporation is perfectly safe in N. H., All the Stock holders private property being holden. In fact too, Much as they have been pressed for Money the N. H. Central has never had a Note protested.

Samuel W. Farber Esq

Bangor Maine

Isaac Nov. 1860

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[illegible] Maine. Fri. May 25. 1850

Dear [illegible]

We have very much expected you up here this week, and have concluded that we were disappointed only on account of the extreme RAIN of yesterday.

By the way this renewed rain is very bad for brother Charles, and other farmers in this region. [illegible] Charles has neither planted or sowed yet. [illegible] about ready to plant, when comes this great rain of Thursday night, Friday [illegible] and this morning continued and delays indefinitely.

[illegible] but I am writing this in supposing that as you are not up this week you will be next, and I want you to bring up some things I have in your house. It appears quite probable that I may continue to remain here as heretofore. If it were not for Joseph's case, I should now, or rather long since, not be here. As it is, I hardly feel justified in leaving him in his present state, except on some very urgent call and plain indication. [illegible] am able to remain here this summer. [illegible] or I, I judge, must. You hardly realize perhaps how much he has failed since you saw him. He cannot [illegible] move his feet or turn in bed, without help &c.

All things considered, I have concluded to remain here until more [illegible] obliged to leave. I somewhat wish my Trunk was here, but perhaps it is only best to have some things put in my valise and brought up. I want especially a pair of Shoes which are there. Also "Gray's" and "[illegible] [illegible]". Perhaps also papers, writings and other works from my Trunk. Bring up any thing you think I may want, that there is chance to bring, especially a thin tick cloth perhaps, Linen or any thing else. If [illegible] here [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] to have my Trunk sent up, [illegible] no matter.

[illegible] his Bran Meal and Crush wheat, are about gone, and [illegible] expects to receive renewed portions thereof from [illegible], through you [illegible].

This writer's name is [illegible]

Milo
May 25

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Mrs. J. W. Furber
Bangor Me

Milo May 25

Parker's Goffstown N.H. Oct. 28. 1850

Dear Sister Lucy

It seems a good while since I have written to you, or heard at all from you. Whether the fault be mine, I can hardly say either. I have really forgotten whether I wrote last or not. I did some think I might get, Down East before long; but cannot now tell how it may be.

I have before written to the rest of the folks if I have not to you, about our troubles on the N.H. Central R.R. this Fall. — a quarrell with another corporation about the "right of way". a trouble involving the very existence of the Upper end — my end — of the Road — from Bradford to Claremont. It became so serious that the Board of Directors notified me to discharge my men mostly & make as little expense as possible until the matter was decided.

The "Hearing" before the N.H. Board of R.R. Commissioners, who were to decide the question, was held at Concord N.H. Last week commencing on Tuesday. I was present as Engineer of the N.H. Central. for whom appeared as Counsel Josiah Quincy Jr. about the greatest R.R. Authority in N.E. assisted by other Lawyers &c. of less note. The Opposite side was managed by the celebrated Gen. Frank Pierce, the hero of the Mexican War, and considered the most effective Pleader that N.H. can furnish. On the Whole it was quite an occasion.

After all the matter was not finally settled, but a full decision was deferred until Nov. 13th.

The matter is however most like to go against our side. The "influence" whatever it may be called, which rules the State of N.H. {it is a curious State.} is "located" at Concord, goes by the name of the "Concord Clique". This influence is strongly enlisted against the N.H. Central R.R. with which I am connected, and in favor of the "Concord & Claremont" R.R. which consequently is like to prevail, in spite of what is apparently rather a clear case.

So — in view of circumstances — we have suspended operations in the field. dismissed all the Men except Self & Everett, and retired to quarters here, to finish up some Office Work. and — perhaps — shall get through in a few weeks.

Alfred L. H. was paid off in full last Friday. I supposed ~~at first~~ that he ~~was going~~ "right home." But I guess he does not like the idea of going back and going into the Woods to work, and finally concludes that if he can get employment he will stay in the vicinity.

So I gave him a recommendation to the Track Layer, and I think likely he will get employment there, or on the Gravel Train, or something on the Road.

If not perhaps he may hire with Norcross at Lowell.

I spent most of last week at Concord. and a beautiful place it is too. Met there a College friend Wm Goodwin, Principal of Concord High School. & assistants.

Saturday, how it did rain. I was at Bradford. I could not go as I would for Rain, Rain. I finally got

to Manchester by the Evening Train, and spent the Sabbath there. I never liked Manchester very well, and really, much as I have been there, never spent a Sabbath there before. I was however better pleased there Yesterday. Rev. Dr. Wallace, of the First Cong. Church I liked very much. He is really a large man. He put me in mind once or twice, especially in the evening, when I heard him lecture on Temperance, of Wendell Phillips. Did you ever see or hear Wendell Phillips? Wendell Phillips is among the most eloquent men in this or any country — would be so considered of all men if it were not for the extremity of some of his opinions.

How long I shall stay here, or what I shall do is extremely uncertain.

I shall be Down East as soon as possible. At any rate I want you to write to me. direct ~~"Oil Mill Village N.H."~~ Manchester N.H.

Samuel, among other troubles on the N.H. Central, Money is still scarce. I have not yet succeeded in getting enough to pay off all the men I have discharged. I do just get enough for myself to pay my expenses as I go along from week to week: and those are considerable some of the time — Board $1.00 per day, to say nothing of "Brandy & Segars"! But — Money is promised me in a few days. If I get a supply, I will try to send you another hundred, if you want it, pretty soon. Perhaps I may be down there myself in a week or two.

Yours Affectionately

J. S. M.

Nov. 4. M. Manchester N.H.

Samuel. I have just received your letter, which went first to Bradford then Oil Mill Village. Is Lucy getting better? Oh! how I want to hear again. Do write again immediately. I fear you have written & the letter gone again to Bradford & Oil Mill. Why did I not send ~~this~~ letter last week? I deferred thinking every day, I would be able to get the money to send you some.

Do write direct **Manchester N.H.**

Mail time immediately   I. S.

I am very closely confined here, making out Estimates &c. before Commissioners meeting Nov. 13. Work at Manchester instead of Parker's. Do write immediately

Isaac Oct-28

Newbury. N. H. Sept. 15, 1850

Dear Sister Lucy

Your nice kind letter was duly receivd last night, and at the same time a long one from Mother & Joseph. Of course you can imagine that I had a treat, one which finely rested me after my week's work. I had a letter from Anne too last week; a nice one, though written about a month before, going first to Goffstown, then to Newport, and finally here. I have today written a letter to Anne, and one to Mother & Joseph; besides going out to Newport, eight or ten Miles, to Church.

It is now quiet Sabbath Evening; and here we sit thinking of those far away. At My table, Self, Edward Everett, & Alfred each busily writing letters. I have got a grand good party. I think it is far the best I ever knew. Only eight of us now. J. S. M. Edward Everett, S. C. S. Burnham, Abram Mitchell George W. Mitchell, Alfred L. Holman. Gilman W. Johnson, and John Flaherty. Alfred is an excellent fellow; influence always on the right side I think. He says he will give $ 50.00 towards it his ;) if they will build a Meeting house in Milo

I heard a grand preacher at Newport today. Old Mr Wood is away on a Journey, and a Young Man from Cornish preached for him. the smartest Young man I have heard this great while. I do not know when a really great man I think; and there are few such nowadays. Wellman is his name.

I was very much pleased with him. Even Alf. says he would not have missed hearing him for a V.

I am really glad that you could go to Milo, and stop a little while. It must have done Joseph good, besides being very pleasant for all the rest of you.
I wish you could stay there a Month or two.
So your Herbarium is fairly fixed up. I am right glad to hear it. You say Joseph is weaker than in June and does not lie down near as much. What does that means? It cannot be that having no one there to take care of him all the time, he does not lie down or change his position as often as he otherwise would on account of giving less trouble to Charles. If that is the reason or if that has any thing at all to do with it, it is certainly not right — not by any means; and must be seen to immediately. Do write to me about it. and write to Mother & Joseph & Charles. All ought to know letter. Joseph could not do so.
I do believe he is better, even if he does lose strength in his limbs. He must be better than in May and June or it would be impossible.

You must be very careful of your health — more so, far more so, you ought to be than you are. It is a great crime to kill one's self, and with all the good advice that I have given you, you certainly cannot pretend to have the excuse that you do it unknowingly. What do you have Charles Harlow there for? Is there no way to prevent it? You ought not to ———
David Copperfield you shall have — sometime.
I am glad Mr Wilson goes to Milo instead of Mr Temple. Are you folks changing your opinions of E. B. Webb already?

Samuel: I wrote to Eliab about sending some money last week or the week before. I did not get it myself till Friday. And then it was all in small bills. Most convenient to be sure for two or three hundred dollars that I had to pay out here. $100.00 I sent to Manchester Saturday to get a Cheque or large Bill for the small ones and will send on to you in some form tomorrow or next day probably. Then I shall have more I hardly know; ought to have early in October. Will take pleasure in sending to you whatever or whenever I have any thing over'. occasionally when or if you want.

I am in the way of spending considerable money for the Corporation nowadays, and they may think when they happen to be short that if they do not shell out enough for my own pay too; that I can get along.

You have made quite Extensive repairs upon the Senator, have you not:? Isn't it rather risky, such old craft as that:?

Tues. Morn.
Enclosed you will find Draft from Manchester Bank on Trader's Bank Boston for One hundred dollars, payable to my order & endorsed to you, which I obtained Yesterday.

S. T. Morr

Isaac Sept-15

Samuel W. Farber

Bangor

Maine

Sunapee N.H. Aug 18. 1850

Dearest Sister

Your letter of the eighth instant was duly received sometime not long since. In hopes to receive another as early as possible, I hereby attempt to write again myself upon the very first Sabbath, — Sunday being the only time upon which I can find any time or opportunity to write letters.

You see I made a good beginning with that blot.

Last Sabbath I wrote to Annie. Today I have already ~~written~~ a long letter to Joseph and Mother. Last Sabbath was I believe the only one since I commenced here on which I have not written to Joseph. So you see I intend to keep up my reputation as a faithful letter writer, if I do have less time and circumstance than the rest of you to do it in.

Our folks at Milo are really to blame in that regard I think. Joseph to be sure cannot write himself now, but there are enough others to write for him. It is strange that they had not written to you later than you say.

Mother & Joseph have written to me a few times, one letter I received last week. Joseph insists that he is no better, in spite of Alfred's very direct Affirmation. I do hope that he is almost imperceptibly recovering.

Alfred I suppose you want to hear of. He is doing finely, and I believe likes firstrate. His low spirits did not last long after he began to get acquainted with our fellows. I guess he enjoys himself finely and he bids fair to make a very valuable man for me, when he get fairly initiated and has learned more perfectly a variety of things

I am very glad to hear of the reestablishment of your health. You must be careful not to permit your work, or taking care of "Our husband", or the trials of patience of those girls, or company or any thing else, wear you out and make you sick again. To take care of health is about the first of duties.
But I will not tire you with any more homilies upon this topic. If it were thought necessary, I should rather prescribe some of the old ones!
The best one perhaps would be to send back to you some you have given me — even one in your last letter.
Why do the Third Parish Church, Centre Church, do you call it, Why do they leave the Hall they have occupied.
Why does Hannah Moore go to the West teaching?
Did I not understand that she was — of property?
Has Samuel more of business and care at the Mill than he has had heretofore? It must be more convenient for him to live so near.
Is Elizabeth full of business now a days?
That Daguerreotype of yours, you know is my property, and to be kept for me. I left it as I did many other things I wanted. I did mean to keep that & Joseph's with me all the time. But now I am not located any where in particular, and have nothing with me.
If I ever live long enough to have a <u>home</u> or even a <u>place</u> of my own, I shall begin to gather my possessions together. If I had any place for them I think I might perhaps find I had quite a property of trumpery of one kind and another. I declare I am almost disposed to get me some little brown wife sometime and try it.
Much Obliged for your Catalogue of my books at Yr place. "Elements of Law" I guess belongs to Joseph. Smellie I wish you would send to Joseph when you have opportunity. He wants to read it.
Old Jaffe I will give to you or any body that wants. Hortensius I thought I had given to you long ago when I first bought or carried home.
Evangeline also I thought yours, but if you do not claim that I will

acknowledege it as more again, or give you an equivalent sometime, if I ever happen to

Dysentery and all that sort of Bowel disorders, how prevalent they are getting to be in these times. All the Old fashioned terrible diseases are going out of fashion before them. Almost every body now-a-days is attacked with something of the kind upon any change of life.
Hardly any one of my party except myself has escaped more or less of sickness from such attacks.
Any change of boarding place will frequently bring it on.
For my part I eat everything with great appetite and much supply of health & strength.
Fruit of all kinds is extremely abundant this year.

I judge from your remarks upon Gov. Briggs and Prof. Webster that you are Anti Cap. Punishment. But to me you come to the wrong place for sympathy. Did you not know that I am a determined advocate of the Cap. Punishment for Murder. I believe in it religiously as I do the Bible. It is part of my creed. Those opposed to it are at least in bad company. Prof. Upham is the only opponent I know with whom I should like to be associated. I am too proud to join the Universalists & other so called "Liberals" of the nowadays who make up the party. Not that I took my side on those grounds. I think that it was upon a thorough & candid examination of the whole case.

Well I have made out quite a letter, more than I expected and very badly blotted. You must write to me soon and frequently.

This day I did not go to Newport to Church, but staid here to a Free Will Baptist, three ignorant Elders in the pulpit. One very Old man I liked much though.

Well it is getting late Good bye Affectionately

Do write & tell Elick & Samuel to write

J. S. S.

Isaac Aug 18

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BRADFORD
N. H. Aug. 19.

Mrs. Hannah W. Parker
Bangor
Maine

[illegible] N. H. [illegible] 1858

[illegible] Sisters [illegible]

Here it is, you see, a fortnight since I left home, and I have not heard a word from any body: [illegible] [illegible] — but it [illegible] again me.

It is a [illegible] warm evening, after an immense great thunder shower. It is close cloudy, and there seems hardly air enough here under the big mountains, for us all to breathe here. It has been decided not to do much work this morning on account of the state of the weather, and the prospect of rainy time tomorrow.

So as it is too warm to sleep, I am beginning to write but with three or four of my boys laughing and telling old College stories &c. in the room, and occasionally [illegible] asking [illegible] "[illegible]" for advice or opinion.

Therefore do not be surprised at most any kind of a letter from me. And moreover if this same should not happen to be finished at this sitting, I *may* not have time to meddle with it again for a week.

You can hardly imagine how much I want to hear from [illegible]. Why do they not write?

I [illegible] them to write every week at least. And without any "pressure" I have written twice already.

By the way — "[illegible]" brother [illegible] is very sick. He is a nice young man, and a particular friend of mine. Ought I not to write to him or some of the family? It is a duty to attend to the sick, is it not?

I have an immense amount of care & responsibility. These people do not probably know much, or they would not put so much upon a young an engineer.
However, they suppose it is all right, think they have got one of the very best men in the world, and as long as they are well satisfied, and nobody knows any better; why, who shall find fault.?
Well, I mean to take it easy this year. Who should, if not he who has his name up?
But it is a great deal of work to organize, and "break in" a party of this kind even of the best materials — to teach each one what he has to do, and how to do it; have [illegible] [illegible] well and quickly too.
My Post Office Address at present is "[illegible] C.H."
I wish you would remember it, and not [illegible].
Write to me, do write to me.
This is the first day of August very early in the Morning at least soon after four o'clock.
I almost wish it would rain all the day, as I [illegible] so much like. [illegible] every day, it [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] the time short; but nothing [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible], which [illegible] no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] as [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] C. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

Sabbath, there being nothing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ten miles to Church.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] him half as well as I do the Old Man.

I am very anxious to hear from people. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I left him. I think you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] again this Summer. [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] get Lucy & Jenny well trained? I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lonesome & monotonous there

Aug. 2d. Well Alfred arrived here last night tired & sleepy enough, had not slept since he left home hardly, entirely unused to travelling you know most used up, discouraged & homesick, terribly sorry he listed, I judge. However I encouraged him up, he had a good night's rest, and feels pretty "chirp" today.

It seems they had written to me from home before, but it going to Henniker, I have not yet received the Letter. Well I have got a grand part now, and feel pretty comfortable. It bothers me though Joseph hardly wrote any thing by Alfred, and my brain is so full of every thing that I cannot think of what I want to ask Alfred, even if in the crowd I had time or chance.

Well the dinner bell. pray do write to me

I. S. M. C. E. Newbury N. H. (at present

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Newbury Vt
August 2

Paid 5

Mrs. Samuel W. Farber
Bangor
Maine

Isaac Aug 2

[illegible]

Frisbee Me. May 5. 1851

Dear Mr. Friend & Brother Samuel

As you are not actively and urgently employed in business now a days, it is perhaps allowable for your friends to trouble and vex you with various commissions &c. &c.

Now I, that is, "We", want a few grafted Fruit Trees from Uncle Nathaniel Harlow's Nursery.

Charles has been all over Sebec, Atkinson &c. today, and finds only, that there is no such thing to be found in the region.

Now, Can you, should you like to, and will you, go to the Uncle Nathaniel aforesaid, and procure, and superintend the forwarding of, a few such choice grafted Apple Trees?

Perhaps it is not worth while to get very large ones. They may not do better.

The number to be obtained to depend upon the price. If they cost $.25 each, I do not know as you had better get more than 7 or 12 at at the outside. If only ninepence or a shilling, say 19 or two dozen. Not to exceed say $ 3.00 worth.

If you will get and forward them, I will be personally responsible to you for the cost and your trouble &c. J. S. Metcalf. (each Labeled

I prefer Baldwins, but they say here, a variety is better, to get [illegible] graft from in future. Hardy kinds, Winter fruit

I suppose they can be sent up by a Team Loads

we did think of you, my Dear Daughter not a little last Friday the weather was so rough and rainy and that carriage so small I thought you could not lay down I fear'd you'd hardly live to get there — but James has just brought us your letter which much rejoiced us all — one from Antoinette too ~~But~~ Do be careful of yourself, so much company and excitement will bear you thro' almost any thing but remember the reaction just so far as you get above par, you will have to go below — keep yourself still & quiet if you want to get well — You did n't write a word about your cough

I took down my curtains to wash — and — out draft Isaac's letter from Antoinette is n't it queer enough have you recd Mrs. Thaxters letter yet. Charles went to day to carry Mr. Partridge & wife home, & after apple Trees was gone till most night — I have been writing a letter to send to Ann — hope you will do the same before long. I am very glad you like your house and situation — if you could only be well how comfortable and happy you you would be. I hope you'll set about it and get well fast now, Do you want we should dig some roots and make you a Syrup when they get up so that they can be found — Abby Loring says white Coronation Cord to trim her little boys dress — Tis ten o'clock, I must go to bed, how the wind does blow — you may imagine but I cannot tell you how lonely we feel good night

my love to your Mother Parker I can hardly feel reconciled to the thought of not seeing her again before she went away also to Mehitable & John [illegible] them they must do a great deal

Dear Lucy Mother I believe has written of all our fears and our rejoicing, and also something of our cautions to you. You must be very careful, and not suffer excitement and company and a new place, and circumstances to elevate and trouble you if you ever want to get well again.

I have a commission for you, if you will see to it. You know Miss Lizzie Doe is going away; she has been very kind to our folks, to Joseph, and I have those beautiful slippers she wrought.

I want to make her a present of some nice book or some things if she will accept it. I have had no chance to see her. Will you see to it if able and get Eliab or Samuel to procure the thing, and you present it unto her in due and agreeable manner.

To cost or amount any where to two or three dollars worth. two. That Mrs Knights' Memoir of Hannah More, if she has not it already, would be perhaps very appropriate, and decent.

Your taste would be best if you were able to go out, but it is Eliab's care do as well

Is Eliab up to your house frequently, and daily, when he has time and opportunity?

Letters to me, come directed to Bangor. I am a little afraid they may lie there, as they did once before, although directed to Eliab's Box. Carelessness of Clerks.

I wish Eliab would see to it somehow

Letters may come there of much importance to me to see at once

[...]t of good in the "country they are going to"

Mother & Isaac
May 5 -

Samuel W. Furber Esq
Bangor
Maine

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Isaac May 1851

Milo [illegible] May 18 1851

Dear Sister Lucy

It is Sabbath Evening, and [illegible] most of the people have gone to bed or [illegible]. Thinking to be in haste tomorrow, and being not far from sleepy, I am writing.

By a pretty good sort of fellow apparently, arrived here tother day, a package of fruit trees well packed and a big bundle from you. The trees were little injured and we [illegible], and well set out. The price is thought rather high. $1/4 each being supposed common price in nurseries around Boston, and Grafted Trees when there have been [illegible] priced at [illegible]. However we hope they will do well.

I must tell you of the disease and [illegible] which afflict us in [illegible].

To proceed [illegible]. The [illegible] had some "[illegible]" for dinner, Mother called them [illegible] greasy — but she and [illegible] of them [illegible].

[illegible] Mother [illegible], — Vomiting — [illegible]. I think she is [illegible].

[illegible]. [illegible] sick [illegible]. They even said it was [illegible], but I agreed [illegible] that [illegible] would [illegible]. Moreover strange [illegible] first baby who is not known [illegible], and [illegible]. [illegible] I.S.

[illegible], devoured very [illegible] of Bacon, named Ham, and boiled; And the said James vomited and was sick. Moreover the next day or two, his sisters [illegible] Miss [illegible], [illegible], were [illegible], [illegible] unchronically [illegible] with [illegible] from [illegible] and sickness, and today could [illegible] [illegible] than attend Church. Moreover their mother, who in these times of disease and pain has honorably acquired the title of "Doctor" and [illegible] in that [illegible] — the Doctor, [illegible], although attending Church half the day today, on account of the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] in reality sick herself!

What is to be done in this case?

We would like to advise with you.

[illegible] in Danger [illegible] for medical aid. We do not like the [illegible].

In fact, in the present favorable and apparently convalescent condition of most or all of the sick, we should have great confidence in our eventual success.

But — I have myself been [illegible] [illegible] and unknown [illegible] [illegible].

Monday afternoon.

Susie has expatiated so lucidly upon every subject of interest that I have no need to add much

So Dr McCruer Called all of his own accord did he? I should expect he would if he understands his own interest as any man ought to — Who shall decide when Doctors disagree. I should want now to see Dr Snell and ascertain whether his opinion is in accordance with Dr M.C. it need not hinder your employing Dr M. C. if you prefer him

I have been looking in (& to the bottom) of every old chest, trunk, and drawer, handling over and arrangeing every old Garment, — "Cast Clouts & rotten rags" give some to Mr. Ricker cut up some for Carpet &c &c — have not begun to clean paint a bit, nor wash'd my Blankets, believe I shall get Mrs Ricker to do the latter for I am not very well have some headache & Diarhea but am as Isaac says Convelesant — Charles thinks he shall send his Cows down sometime this he thinks, if you can conveniently he wants you should keep his Cow a week or two till she gets over her drive, (her milk would pay for keeping) she would sell better & you could tell better what she is worth he says she is a better Cow than she looks to be i.e. she gives very exellent milk when she is kept decently well

Perhaps it is the 20th or 21st of May today

It appears this letter has not been sent.

It will be tomorrow.

I did propose to visit your place tomorrow.

The work is not done, the wagon paint is not dry; the horse is not used.

Jas. R. Searles & myself talk of driving down a herd of neat cattle, two cows at least; but under above circumstances shall not go tomorrow.

If I have to wait until Monday, I shall probably be obliged to leave Bangor for Westward the same Evening.

Where then will be my visit to you?

Would you in any Event excuse it under extreme promises of betterment?

They hardly dare trust Jas. to drive the cows without somebody else on road the same day.

I shall come this week if we can.

If you see [illegible], tell him at least not to send up any letters for me on Monday [illegible] here by.

[illegible]

New York City, Sabbath, June 1. 1851.

Dear Sister Lucy

I suppose you expect me to write to you whether I have any thing to say or not.

I wrote to Eliab from Montague, perhaps though I mailed the letter from somewhere else. In Boston I did little but to look after and order those Grave Stones. I think I have got something pretty nice, something that will look well. Nicest of Italian Marble, 4 in thick - double thickness 24 in wide, and 48 in high above socket stone.

I staid at Montague one whole day and two nights, it being quite rainy. My Friend and former head Alfred R. Field lost his wife a fortnight since. She had been sick all winter of Consumption. A beautiful, very intellectual and accomplished woman. She was an Allen, a neice of Edw E. Allen, formerly of Bangor. She lived with them in Bangor years ago. A splendid woman. Left two small children, perhaps 4 yrs and 12 mos or less.

Friday I came down to Hartford, spent several hours there it is a beautiful City. Found very little prospect of any thing being done on this season or at present at least on the Hartford & Fishkill R. R. upon which I had the promise of a situation.

So I came on to New York City Friday Evening. And stay over Sunday.

Yesterday among other sightseeing I wandered over to Jersey City and called upon Jonathan Billington & Wife

Dear Lucy be very specially careful of your health. You are not enough so. Were you not sick the morning I left. Almost every sick person would be after your supper. If you did not perceive it in your feelings, it must much injure you and prevent your getting well.

Do be a good girl, write for your Mother to come down and follow her advice, only more so.

G. H. Wll

Our New Cousin at Montague, Humphrey Stevens' wife, formerly Miss Isabella Bardwell of said Montague, is quite a Cousin, smart, bright girl, accomplished, quite a Country Lady, was "Belle of Montague", quite a good girl too I guess. Well, Humphrey is considerable of a man, there is a good deal of business in him, and he is well reported of among men, superior to Joseph A. in many respects. Our Mother & folks have never done him really justice, for prejudice in favor of Joseph A. upon his Mothers account.

Mrs. J. H. Billington has got a Baby! — Adopted one though, Harriet Celia by name, 5 Mos. old, child of a Mr. Hunt an Englishman whose wife died lately, very pretty but very small and perhaps sickly baby.

I went over to Brooklyn this A.M. to hear Rev Dr. R. S. Storrs, but found his pulpit occupied by the Rev. A. L. Stone of Boston, whereat I was not much displeased as I had been wanting to hear the said celebrated young Mr. Stone. Well he preached one of the most beautiful sermons I ever heard, Eloquent exceedingly. The Text was Davids' Charge to Solomon "Show thyself a Man" There is no question that Arthur L. Stone of Boston is Eloquent, and, how beautiful was that sermon. Every separate sentence was a gem, and a highly polished one too.

What a great City this New York is! how full of wealth, and splendor and greatness, a city of palaces and princes, a crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the Earth.

And yet how full of want & misery, and wretchedness, and poverty and suffering.— and worse than all, of Crime. How many thousand Gambling saloons, gorgeous as palaces, but well called Hells. I do not know but a hundred thousand drinking places, from the filthiest of Irish Rumholes to the most splendid of gilded and marbled saloons, adorned with paintings and statues, every work of art and skill that can please the taste or tempt the eye.

It is enough to set one thinking to walk in the streets here. here perhaps a reeling drunkard, spattered with mud, or with blood from contact with some curb stone or railing; there perhaps a party of miserable half naked emigrants, or of starving and shivering children, maybe asleep upon some stone step or cellar grating, and then again crowds of beings beautiful as houris, decked with silks & jewells and brave attire, but whose "house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death." ready to accost any one in the street and if not replied to perhaps bursting out in horrible cursing and profanity. It is enough to make one disgusted with mere beauty for the rest of his life.

I think I shall go to Albany tomorrow, probably to Utica, the next day, and perhaps to Canandaigua the day after, and so on. If I do not get pretty well stopped somewhere before, I may get to Westfield sometime the end of this week, and shall be very happy to find late letters from you there. Especially if Elias has sent any thing to me since I left and I have not got it, or if he has any thing send, I wish you would write to Westfield this week

Affectionately J. S.

Brother Samuel, I think you had better call a consultation of Physicians to see what should be done for your wife, or decide what ails her. Did Dr. Rich, Dr Snell or whoever in Bangor is supposed to know anything. I did not think so much of it when in Bangor, but we do not want her to remain as she is now. that is certain. Cannot something be done. But above all no Violent remedies, calomel or strychnine, blisters or douches.

Brother Samuel

Samuel F. Fowler Esq.
Bangor
Maine

Isaac June 1 -

Jonesboro, Oct. 12.

I have not any Envelopes, and so my previous letter or sheet ended very abruptly, and even without signature, after getting filled with a good deal of personal matters, my dealing Col. R. B. Mason Eng. in Chief, & how I am to be in Charge here only temporarily at 5. per diem, and to have 4. per diem & upwards. if I will stay, & had I better stay? And ending with an Episode upon Sea bathing and Deer Isle.

You say Elial went all that long way & so near me. Well, he was, when at Chicago, within a few hundred miles of me to be sure, if you look merely as distances upon the map. But in reality I suppose he did not come more than a quarter part of the way from Bangor here, that is if you regard time and difficulty in getting here. However you need not fear that I can get away tolerably quick when I get ready. There is through a much nearer way than by Chicago. Just see by the Map how far South I am; here at Jonesboro within 20 or twenty five miles of Cairo, or the very Southernmost point of free territory, Slave Country, not only East & West but N.E. & N.W. of us here. And you see it is but comparatively little way from Cincinnati, and that City by Modern Rail Roads &c. is getting pretty near to New York too.

What do you write to the Mothers' Magazine about? I want to see the piece, I do.

How do you like Ferdinand & Isabella?

If you had staid & not got sick, & prospered "Cordin

ture" your trip to Deer Isle might & undoubtedly would have done you far more than fifteen dollars good.

It seems you had hot weather even in Bangor in the early part of September. Well you had better believe we had here — some — and kept it up pretty much to the latter part too. It has made it very sickly in all this region too. Very unusual hot & very dry weather so late in the season. But now there has come rain and cool weather & frosts are about coming and health is revisiting the country immensely.

I suppose long ere this cold weather has come at Bangor, and undoubtedly no little frosts. Perhaps even now, certainly before this reaches you, the trees will have lost their leaves, and Winter will have come again, more at least than it will at all come here.

Do you really believe Eliab will stay at Brown's? Continue to stay there? Will they not have to pay him well, better than they have done, if he does?

As for my address, it is perfectly proper and appropriate, most usual, and perhaps well, to put either "C. E." or "Civ. Eng." after the name. It is a convenient handle to a name on paper, one that fairly belongs there, as much as A.M. would if I were a teacher or such like, and may have an additional propriety or advantage, as a sort of advertisement entirely unpresuming and appropriate.

If I were in a City I should perhaps prefer the "C. E." simply. In the Country perhaps the "Civ. Eng."

I have forgotten all about it before, but you remember you have been abundantly charged with and about it heretofore, about having Mother's Daguerreotype taken abundantly whenever She was first in Bangor.

I have told you & Eliab & Mother all about it I think. ~~If all~~ there be considered as $5.00 (I have money in Eliab's & Samuel's hands, I believe) set apart for Mother's daguerreotype for me. Very Large & in a very handsome Case. Do not say I am extravagant. Why I shall eat it tomorrow dear!

Well, Samuel, it seems you and I both take about our first experience of sickness this season. Well, I hardly believe you ever felt quite so horribly stupid as a man with the ague, though doubtless you were much sicker. Perhaps it is best to begin our experience in that line, before we get too old and crabbed to learn to bear it patiently. It is the lot of men. It has its blessings too. I know the little I have had has done me good if it has not made me more thankful & humble, it will make me more careful and attentive to health. I am most afraid your sickness must have affected & disarranged your business. I hope you are fully restored long ere this to health & strength and careful not to over task your returning energies.

Well, lots of lots of worthless scribbling this is. Write & constantly

Affectionately
J. S.

Isaac Oct. 1851.

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Samuel W. Furber
Bangor
Maine

Isaac

Jonesboro, Union Co. Illinois
Sabbath, Nov. 2. 1851

Brother Samuel

I find one page form you in the last letter from Bangor, whereat I am much obliged to you, especially as the page is a very good one.
I wish you would write such, or double them, more frequently than you do. I am inclined to think that I do rather more than my part of the writing for most all of you. Though to be sure I got in the habit of writing long letters with nothing in them.
I write often when there is nothing to write, and oftener than I should, because I want to hear from you, and am afraid you will not write, if I do not.

You judge that I am in a good place, a place where there is room for a man to grow.
This is very true. There is room for a man to grow wherever there is room and opportunity for him to labor.
Not the mere physical labor to be sure, like that of the brute; but a labor, or varieties of labor, demanding such intellectual effort as his mental state is equal to. And this it is usually far easier finding, even in the sphere in which every one finds himself, than most are apt to imagine.
There is here plenty of room to labor, and plenty of room to grow:
I am then & therefore very well situated here. I am likely, if I stay here to do well — to grow. But there is one objection,

one drawback. On the score of health. If one has not health he cannot work. In one respect this perhaps is usually, or eventually will be a more healthy Country than the East, than New. Eng. There is probably less fatal sickness, fewer deaths in proportion to the population than in New England or any similar country.
At the same time it is certainly an extremely sickly country; much more so than usual to be sure, this season; but always in some sort. Every body is sick more or less. Nine out of ten are sick really quite a proportion of the time. A mild sort of billious fevers, and this Miserable puny fever & ague, or "Chills & fever", as they call it here, are at work upon people about all the time. I have been sick three eighths, or more, of the time for two months past. The old settlers, the "acclimated" have certainly fared no better on an average. A really healthy looking face, what we should call such at the East, is hardly to be seen. And just at this time, just after the Summer or Fall attacks of the Ague, and especially this Ague-y season, the "Natives" are the most miserable looking set of beings. And yet they are entirely free from fatal disease. There are far fewer deaths than there could be in any such class in New England.
There appears to be no such thing as Consumption here, or hardly any of the diseases most fatal at the East.

If I had got the appointment of Division Engineer, here permanently, I should have been obliged to grow. And yet I think I could have succeeded in it. If Ormsby could keep the place six months, I certainly think I could for six years!

T. S. Metcalf

Isaac

Jonesboro, Union Co. Illinois
Sabbath. Nov. 9. 1851.

Dear Sister

Letters reached me on the 5 inst. from Bangor and Milo. being one from You, Samuel & Eliab of Oct. 1, One from you of Oct. 4., and one from Mother and Eliab at Milo, Oct. 6 – 10. reaching here at once via Mr Hawkin's Post Office, Perry Co.

You had all just heard of my ague, sickness &c. and all troubled and advising me to leave here at once. Which would be no sort of use, the advice being a few months to late. I may just as well stay here this Winter. It is a healthy Country enough in the Winter season. And it is perhaps better to leave in the Spring than in Fall.

Your idea of the ague is perhaps tolerally correct. When a chill comes on, one not accustomed or watching for it might not notice, certain symptoms of blue lips purple nails & cold fingers, till he finds himself suddenly shaking. It is rather queer, than very bad, perhaps in a very hot day, or sitting by a big fire, all wrapped up in clothes, to be shivering with cold for an hour or two, and without really feeling very cold either. Soon the patient commences drinking a pailful or at least a pitcher full of water, and before long the cold & shivering gradually, almost imperceptibly, passes into a burning fever all over, usually accompanied by more or less of head ache & back ache.

This is decidedly tedious, and vast amounts of cold water internally, or cold wet cloths on the head, chest or hands, afford only an extremely temporary alleviation.

By and by, the patient begins to sweat, the fever gradually passes off, and he feels simply weak and sleepy, till another Chill come on, usually just twenty four, or just forty eight hours. You speak of its affecting the spirits. I do not know it is has any tendency to produce the blues, or make one melancholy; it makes one too dull and stupid even for that, too much disinclination to mental effort even to feel homesick! Somebody's expression, I have heard somewhere describes it exactly. One feels like a 'stewed fool'. It requires considerable mental vigor to rouse up and take necessary means to stop the disease, or as it is always called, "break" it, "break the ager".

This is usually very easily done. The great medicine always accomplishing this at once is Quinine, which you know is a powerful extract, a white precipitate, from the Peruvian Bark, It is the most powerful of Tonics, and the very perfection of bitter. The stomach is always a little out of order, from some derangement of the Liver. A dose of some purgative is always administered first. The doctors always prescribe some form of Mercury as most affecting the Liver, say a dose of Calomel & Jalap, or Rhubarb; or else a blue pill & any gentle purgative, and then ten grains of Quinine every hour four hours before the coming chill. The Country people however have a prejudice against Quinine, besides that is is very expensive

costing the doctors themselves some five or six dollars an ounce. Many simply let the disease run. The dull stupid feeling between whiles gradually wears out, the patient recovers a good appetite; perhaps is able to work well on the alternate days, and some have it so for months or even a year. And some doctor & cure it with all sorts of bitter roots & barks.

For myself, one or two shakes and fevers, answers very well, and I am quite resigned to take a Quinine, if it is bitter, and throw it off.

Is Samuel going to build upon the lot he has bought of Uncle Nathaniel Harlow.

I would like to help eat some of your "Milo Chickens" cooked as you cook them. As Suckers cook Chickens it is rather hard feed. I wish I could describe the process of getting a meal of victuals here. 1st kindle a fire, 2d step to door with rifle & shoot the chickens. {Every animal is shot here, beef, hog, or chicken} and a chicken is never killed over five minutes before it is cooking. It is always cut up and boiled, and all parts, You will always find the feet on the platter, and often the head! You will hardly believe this, but is is a serious fact! very much so it seemed to me at first, when I could not eat my dinner for it.

Another queer thing is that butter is always churned as it is used, not before hand; one part of getting a Mea meal of victuals is churning a pint bowl full of butter.

The last thing before setting the table is stirring water into a dish of Corn Meal, and putting it before the fire to

warm a little for bread.
I do not dare to write but about half, and have probably already overstepped the limits of your credulity.
It is fact however, the common corn bread of the Country is merely the white corn meal (lucky if not musty) and water, merely warmed through fairly and laid on the table.
Still the Natives say they like it. I can eat it!
People here do not go to Church much. Today is a little rainy; and muddy. The whole Congregation at the Methodist Church was 12 all told Baptist about the same. This evening a Lutheran Service there were 13.

Samuel, I am very glad to hear that you have so well recovered health and strength. Be careful of it. I hope your business did not suffer materially. How is your Mill likely to turn out? Do you keep it running in the winter?
Your Mother's death is a great loss, yet you cannot mourn as those without hope. You know that your loss is her gain. It perhaps seems hard that she was far away. Consider though the pleasure that meeting her children at the west once more must have been to her, and the consolation to them to have her with them again. Sincerely Truly

Isaac

Jonesboro, Union Co. Illinois
Thursday, Nov. 27. 1851

Dear Sister Lucy

It is Thanksgiving Day. — Thanksgiving evening. You would hardly believe it it though if here, by any external manifestations I have seen today.
Thanksgiving, I judge, is not observed at all in this region. The same day was regularly appointed by our Sucker Gov. French, but I guess no one hereabout remembered it. I breakfasted early, had a horseback ride of three miles or more by about daylight, worked & rode in the woods- {Southern Illinois thick woods} till dark, then rode to town got supper, worked in Office a spell, and then came in to my Landlord's comfortable sitting room, and take the rest of my Thanksgiving in writing a bit to you, interrupted only by the gabbling of a couple Sucker wimmen sewing in the same room. —— Will that do —
I received a good nice letter from you and Eliab last night, written Nov. 1, I judge; Mailed Nov. 2.
Your letters are longer reaching me I suppose for being directed Mount Hawkins, than if direct to Jonesboro. It sometimes takes them a week to get from Mt. Hawkins here.
As for your worrying about me – it is much to be lamented if you have not done it to good advantage; I believe I have done all I could towards, have certainly furnished you with the most full and detailed statements of all the facts involved.
I expect Mother has got back to Bangor by this time, has she not?
Is Samuel employed at his Mill through the Winter

Samuel, it seems, has not only bought his House lot, but is preparing to build. Well, Good luck.
The plan is very much the same as that of the house you now live in, is it not? That is, according to the sketch on the back of your letter. How does it differ? I should think it a very convenient house for a small family, well adapted for comfort, rather than show, and at the same time rather economical for the amount.
I highly approve of Eliab's Upham & Conquest of Mexico, but should recommend the Gammon in "broken doses", as the Doctors do Quinine; say instead of occasionally, only "semi=occasionally!
I supposed Mary Tower was to be married and go away as a Missionary before this time. How is it? Is she engaged to —— or not? If not, you will of course let me know; being in want of a wife, the information would be of interest to me. Mary is an extra nice little girl, and no mistake, and what is bad, such are scarce, — especially where ill fortune always calls me.
Whether I shall stay here longer than till Jan. first is quite uncertain. If I leave then I expect my best course will be to go around by way of New Orleans at any rate, even if I do not conclude to stay there a while at least.
I was intending to write to Eliab tonight, but I must put it off until Sabbath I think; and also to Anne from whom I also received one last night.
Samuel I believe I shall not write to this time. I expect he owes me one or two now. This is half a sheet but I am still in spite of that Aff. J. S.

Isaac

Jonesboro Union Co. Illinois
Tuesday; Dec. 23. 1851

Dear Mother & Sister Lucy

Your good letter of Nov. 17 23. came duly to hand on Saturday Dec. 20; somewhat delayed by going to Mount Hawkins as have been most of your letters.

About the same time I received also letter from East Hampton Mass. from Eliab, where it seems he is now attending School, after a pleasant visit among the folks at Royalston Warwick, North=field and Montague. I have just written to him. Probably this going to School is the very best thing he could do for a few months.

I think you Lucy took a very sensible woman's view of the matter in your last letter.

What appears to trouble him most is as to what he shall do in the Spring or when he leaves School. I should judge East Hampton a pretty good place for him

I judge he did not go to Albany; At least he did not mention it to me.

You Laugh Lucy at this "Great western waste". I tell you the world does not begin to realize yet what it is, or is to be. They talk of the "Mighty West", of the greatness of the valley of the Mississippi; "the Centre of our Country" &c. &c. but they have not begun to realize its destiny;

The Great West, has but barely begun to grow.
Sail along these rivers, often a hundred Miles, even yet through an unbroken wilderness, then consider that the Whole is the very richest land in the world; unsurpassed even by the valley of the Nile. Ten fold the whole present population of the United States, will be settled in the valley of the Mississippi, before its resources will be fairly tried. The whole commerce of the world now hardly exceeds that soon to be carried upon the Mississippi and its branches. And calling the country sickly will not prevent it. It is sickly now only as being uncultivated, and unimproved. The lands that now loaded every autumn with six inches or a foot of decaying leaves, make an unhealthy country, would do no harm if the vegetation was in the shape of one hundred bushels of corn to the acre regularly taken off.
You and Mother and Anne; from whom, I have just this now received a nice letter; and all, seem very glad that I did not get $3000.00 per Annum Salary, because I suppose, it would keep me in this ill Agueish Country.
What will you say if I should conclude to stay at only half that Salary!
Last Week was about the coldest weather for some days that they ever have here. Thermometer down even below Zero once.
I was out down on Cache River with a

party of men living under tents, all the time. I called it very comfortable; good camp bedsteads or cots, best Mackinaw blankets, and abundance of firewood. But the weather was too cold for Suckers altogether. Some of them could hardly keep warm chopping! In fact I saw more than once that week, farmers out getting up wood, having kindled up a fire in the woods to cut down a tree by! And really some in my Party froze their feet while chopping.
I believe I kept some of them alive only by so much laughing at them. I enjoyed it much. I expect I have now got about through with out of door work for the present.

I am very glad Mother that you have got back to Bangor, both on Lucy's account and your own. I am inclined to think you can be more comfortable there than at Milo, especially if that Stove smokes as it did last Winter.
Neither of you wrote any thing about Lucy's health in the last letter; so I take it for granted that it prosperly improving.

The Cold Weather last week Closed up with ice both the Ohio & Mississippi Rivers. So you see I can not get home now if I wished, except perhaps to go around by the way of New Orleans and the Atlantic.

Samuel, I suppose has gone into the woods Scaling. Where abouts does he go and how much?
I presume he comes out every week or two, does he not?
Does he keep a horse?

What time do you expect to get the new house finished?
I want to know where to find you if I should happen to visit Bangor any time within a few years.

Well bless you all

J. L. S. Metcalf

P. S. Dec. 25th

I wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

Sincerely J. S.

Dear Mother Bangor Dec. 1835

When I started there was two others in the stage so that I set on the front seat which soon made me sick when we got to mr Howes I got onto the back seat but I was sick all the forenoon and vomited some could eat nothing at It was drifted bad and we had to get out and help the stage along! sometimes went out into the field 3 times to get along and once while going out of the road one runner got into the bank and the other into the gutter the sleigh upset with me in it but there was so much snow that it fell very easy I got out and we lifted it up and went on I was very cold my boots were so damp and I had to keep my head out of the window all of the time or I should be sick I got to Mrs. Parkers at about 5 o clock cold enough Mrs P. keeps a girl and 4 boarders besides Grandmam as they all call her they keep 3 wood fires (sometimes 4) besides the boarders Mr Blood and wife Mr Stackpole and wife both of whom find their own fuel which is coal they keep no cow Mr. Blood has a horse but he takes care of it himself I go to a public high school Mr Pomeroy and Mrs P. both thought that I had better if I could for It is a select school no one can go to it without they know so much and a committee examines them there was two others examined at the same time that I was one passed and the other did not There is about 30 scholars the Masters name is Worcester the school is in a large brick building with a steeple between Mr. Pomeroys house and Meeting house there are 2 other schools in it the common school and a school for young men apprentices Albert Stubbs goes to it I have bought a Goulds Latin Grammar for which I gave 92 cents I Mr Worcester says that I better look over Smiths Arithmetic somewhat and then study Algebra I saw and split the wood and ~~some~~ have to ~~run~~ down to the stores and market and so on — have to be pretty busy I have been all round every where most and I cannot get that Jacket cut some said that it could not be done with on paper others said that they would not that it would tear and that they could not chalk cannot you make it from that coarse one for I ~~shall~~ this one will not last till Spring I fear Tuesday they put another stove into the Schoolroom for it is very large and one would not keep It warm it is in the 2 story and there is 2 schools in ~~the same room~~ as much room under it. Lyd [illegible] Grant Mrs P. girl is [illegible] And she is a queer [illegible]

Is charles going to keep that school has he killed the cow and hogs how much did they weigh has he got the shed full of wood how does the stand stove work I saw Hector Sargent Saturday he said that you were all well and that he was carrying up the stove and then drove on I suppose that he was in a hurry for it was past 2 in the afternoon Mrs. P. has got a stove in her kitchen but it is larger than yours the kitchen is very small so I am afraid that yours will not keep that room warm hers though has not got but little funnel it goes right into the chimney with one knee by the way how much do you have Mrs. P. was sick confined to bed tuesday but she is about well now Mr. Mattly of the Hammond street preached last sunday in the fore-noon and Prof. Woods in the afternoon I went to sabbath school my teacher is Mr. Gilbert he boards at Mr. J Lardons and teaches the children Charles is a pretty roguish little fellow and is up here a good deal I dont know but I shall want that coarse Jacket for I have some Them black stockings were not put into the trunk and I want them I want a comforter also there is no class in Blakes Philos they all use Comstocks you must write on the other leaf of this and send it with the stocking and comforter I have not time to write any more now for I must send it tonight

Charles must write so that I can see how he improves They all send their love and so forth

These mixed clothes look odd they were them so small I cant stop to write any more so you must write soon

Your Affectionate Son

Isaac M.

Is Charles going to keep that school how
did they weigh has he got the shed
work I saw Hector Sargent Saturday he
was carrying up the stove and then drove on
it was past 2 in the afternoon Mrs. P. has
than yours the kitchen is very small so I am
here though has not got but little funnel it
how much do you have Mrs. P. was sick
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Charles W. Rich
Milo Me

Dear Mother Wednesday Jan 24 1836

I received your letter la[illegible]ght when I got home from school
I am very well and have been ever [illegible] came here and so is all of Mr. P.s
family The measles are very prevelent here [illegible] and a good many have died of them
within a few weeks otherwise it is very healthy. Theres a very __great deal__ of snow
here it is said that there was not so much snow in the 2 last winters put together
And it has been very cold, too indeed, but since the 20th it has been warm and the snow has
gone off fast During the cold weather I had to be pretty busy and work pretty hard
but this warm weather [illegible] burn half so much Now that the stove is out of
the kitchen it takes [illegible] wood __most__ as much as in our kichen at home
I think that I get along pretty well in my studies I have got a __little__ ways into the
latin reader I get a lesson in the reader in the fore noon and one in the Grammar
in the after noon I think that by the time school is done I shall have got along so that
I can make pretty good progress alone We have got more than ½ of throug the Philosiphy
and are now reveiwing I joined a class in Smiths Arithmetick when I came here
who had got as far as the Rule of Three we have been through it and are now
reviewing it so as to be ready for examination We parse 3 times a week and
recite grammar 2do The ex[illegible]mination is to commence Wendnesday [illegible]
how long it will be I dont know the common s[illegible] about the same time
The apprentice school left off last week I have not s[illegible]illiam Bean at all
I dont know as it is worth the while to write so much if I am
coming home so soon I get along pretty well in my studies &c &c forth
You tell me to write every minute incident well then I have got to build
fire Monday morning I have not built it but once before this win[illegible]
have to have a good fire before 8 o clock I ~~have to~~ get up
about light two fires to build which takes some time then as often as
every other morning I have to run down to the market or store
and very often some where [illegible] in the evening and that I have to saw
pretty lively when I get a chance You can see pretty plainly
I guess that I have not improved much in Writing but the master
does not pretend to teach writing and what with every thing else
I have not much time s[illegible] From Your affectionate last
Son

Charles W. Rich Esq
Milo
Me

Boston Jan. 25 1837

Dear Mother

I ought to have written before I suppose, but I kept putting it off all the time till now However I am going to set about now for it must go Saturday. I have nothing to do but to saw the wood and help Almeda what I can by tending the baby &c. I have studied some at home have wrote through 2 of Fosters writing books and begun another and looked over Philosophy and Grammar some. I also go down to Ann's school-room sometimes noons. where she shows me how to write &c, as she has her dinner there all but Wednesday and Saturday. O by the way I want to know If you think I improve in writing. The baby is beginning to set alone tell Lucy that she has now been sitting on the floor half an hour playing with that rose-wood ring that she and James cracked last winter rolling it from the table. Also Tell Mayo that I am in Mr. Bash's class in the sabbath-school and that he gave every one of his scholars a little book (Baxters call) New Years day which was Sunday. I take turns staying from

my health is pretty good this winter but I am obliged to hire my washing done the cost from 4 to 10 cents a fortnight and I do the baby's I went down to C. Searles last week and found I was in the midst of the small pox there was a whole family opposite. Mrs Metcalfs that had it and it was in Spring & Poplar Streets and it is now in this part of the city I was not frightened but thought best to vaccinate my babe and now she is cross with it. Isaac has a good deal of time in which he might study but you know it is impossible for a boy to make so much progress alone the time he spends helping me varies according to what I have to do from half an hour to 3 or 4 hours in the course of the day and evening but it is at odd jobs he goes every day when he wishes to study with Ann but sometimes she cannot spare much time with him so you see that though his advantages are not as good as we had hoped yet they are greater than many have his religious knowledges are really very great but I am afraid he will not improve them as he might I have had him stay two Sabbath evenings for me to go to meeting the rest of the time he could go and every Tuesday evening he goes and occasionally Monday eve and once a month the young men are to meet at Mr Cocs for moral, intellectual, and religious improvement and he can join the association he is in Mr Bush's class and he is a very devoted pious man but with all these advantages he does not seem to feel the importance of the one thing more than he has done

from meeting to tend the babe, (half of every other
sabbath). The baby was christened the first
day of Jan. the Minister called her Lucy
Al-me-i-da. I have read "Harlan Page" It was
printed on purpose and distributed to the church-
-members New-Years-day so that James had one.
Ann has bought me a Bailey's Algebra for
67 cts which I believe explains it more than Colburns
so that I think I can get along with it very well.
I have also for about a month split most of Mr
Thoxter's wood. I have spent about most ~~more~~ $ 16 18/16
3,25 for passage Boots 2,06¼ Shoes 1,06¼ Jacket 6,50
Vest 1,95 Cloak 1 2 7½ How Much is that Eliab?
Then suspenders - carrying trunk - hair cutting, wri-
-ting 3 books - Slate = 3 × 12½ 87½ Paper for Journal 16⅔
besides Algebra &c. The rest $10, lacking — that
she has paid for books paper &c for me, I have lent
to Ann. Tell Mayo he must write to me soon
for I want (dreadfully) to know all about the
what the Hay went for the threshing Machine
the school and the Lyceum. There has not been
either snow or sleighing (to hurt) here yet till
Ann talks of writing soon but [illegible] be disappointed if she
does not find time [illegible] time

last Saturday 21st. – the 21st and 22 there was a real snowstorm I have hardly seen any snow before since I come from (Down East). You say that Charles keeps a school in Sebeck, does he come home every night? how much does he have? And Mayo how do you and Eliab get along with the Chores and go to school? have you a good school? do you go to Lyceum? do you water the cattle at the river now? have you got any lambs or bossy yet? How much Cedar does Ch[...] get out this winter? ask Lucy if [...]arles wa[...] to see the baby? Mrs. Thaxter has [...] young canary birds just learning to fly, but Poll was sent away the day that I got here so that I saw him not. I went to the Antislavery anniver-sary Wednesday it was held in a loft over the stable in the rear of the Marlbro Hotel. they said that there was not a meeting house or hall in which they were allowed to meet in Boston Amos Dresser that was dressed so at Nashville was there and gave an account of his lynchment! Almed was going to write but she kept putting it off so that I guess that there is not much room

I had a poor pen

Isaac M

My Dear son [illegible] the last [illegible]

I have had nothing this long time that has troubled me so much as the thought that you are stuck down in the [illegible] with all the opportunity of getting a knowledge of [illegible] for learning of any kind and the fear that you do not feel the importance of improving every moment that you have for your self to advantage in improving your mind remembering that as you lack (what most people would think absolutely indispensable) a good teacher ~~you have~~ to depend on your self you must double your diligence must be indefatigable in your exertions and what is more infinitely more I fear that you are unmindful of your precious religious privileges

you know that you are by nature sinful that your heart is prone to evil and [illegible] it that it is only through the grace of god that it can be renewed and made holy & that the holy spirit the still small voice is [illegible] you [illegible] that are [illegible] and if you [illegible] the [illegible] more than you [illegible] the promises given of the [illegible] heart [illegible] good which is [illegible] that you shall not seek in vain [illegible] but if you do turn a deaf ear to him who is [illegible] what can you expect but that your [illegible] it will be cast where you cannot hear such faithful preaching cannot have such a faithful praying [illegible] teacher and [illegible] but through that the holy spirit will cease to strive with you that you will grow more and more careless about your souls concerns — think O think my son consider and be wise time flies swiftly for every hour & every privilege you have got to give account

Sodus Jan 25 / 18[illegible]

Mr [illegible] Metcalf

My Dear Friend

As I have a convenient opportunity I think I will write you a few words I was intending to have gone over to Mr Dewmitts this evening with Charles but

Dear Mother   mo 9   Friday Jan. 17th

Marshall Hill has just called here and left a Bundle &c. from You. We, that is Ann and I were very glad to get it indeed We have been expecting sometime. but have made out pretty well considering I have been going to write for some time, as I was somewhat in want of my Gloves, old Frock coat &c. but they have come now, nicely as can be &c &c We are getting along as well as might be expected, I think, this cold weather I guess that Ann, notwithstanding her, buts, ifs, and ands, has a very good School and moreover is doing grandly in it, and will make a favorable impression. However I am afraid she has met to hard a time of it, with so many Scholars I am getting along pretty so so in my studies. We have got all over into Cicero and Greek too &c. &c. [illegible] We, that is the time, we High School boys! have got up a kind of a Club, of 20 or 30, which meets once a week, evenings, in the School room, &c for Declamation & Debating, improvement I am tucked in for one of the Officers!!! We have met four times Declaimed and Debated at a great rate. It would be a very good thing, especially for me if we could sustain it properly and keep order but I suspect it will soon fall to bits, for All boys, especially Bryan-laggin, except Poet Roberts 2 or 3 others and myself!!! are so flirting and fond play and fun and nothing else, that &c. I suppose it will be all hush soon.

I suppose I ought to be very thankful for having such a good place &c. and every thing else. I have a excellent place lamps enough and a warm room and good chance to study evenings and only have to go but a few rods to School While Elisha has to go so far to School and the cold mornings and then has no great nice light all the evening to study by. I have or can have a lamp and place all to myself every evening, to study or write or anything and Excellent good I have a few rods off and everything Meeting and Sch. &c &c &c. However Home is home if it is ever so homely and I do almost envy the nice tother room by the fire. Elisha don't know what it is not to be at home

I really expected a good letter from Brother Elijah [Isaac written above] with the Birds
Why dont he write, I wonder? How does Elijah get along in all of his studies? Does he Study? really. Does he study enough? he ought to a very good deal. I study or write or something, till bout 11 very evening bout. I want to know all about how every thing gets along nowadays. Have not [illegible] been almost out of patience waiting for snow? It has been sleighing here all the time some, but I hear that there is less up in the country 4 or 5 feet in Mass:

I thought when I was at home that I should not write such a letter as this very soon again,
I. B.

Has Charles Ayers got well?
What do the horses do this winter?
Go to Singing school? &c. &c.!
Has a Mr. Chipman, Temperance from N. York lectured at Milo yet?
A fine great congregation here

Isaac Barrett
94 [illegible] 1839

James [illegible] Scholars
Bangor City High School
Bangor
[illegible] 1839

Dick Is not this cold weather about this time?
How much wood have you hauled up? Elijah
How many times has the wood shed blown over lately?
I really meant to have written a regular good set letter about this time but. I dont know as you can read this & if you can I am heartily ashamed of it.

I want very much that you should write to me much [illegible]
Elijah must write too. You did not write

Bangor Saturday April 13th 1839

Dear Mother

I am admitted to the Bangor City High School", it was not till yesterday that the Committee decided whether I could be admitted. Mr. Abbot Chairman of the Committee told me that all of the committe felt a great sympathy for young men who wished to get and education who were "not wealthy"; and Mr. Wakefield told me that all of them wished to admit me if they could lawfully. I think that they are very pleasant folks at Mr. Worcester's. I have been to see "friend Hatch" and got my hair cut also bought a pair of suspenders, the man called them braces. I sleep in an small attic chamber, it has 1 window to the west through which I can now see the barracks on thomas hill: I went up there yesterday, they have got 3 buildings ~~—~~ feet long made of rough boards with holes at the ridgepole to let the smoke out the beds are boards nailed up at the sides [like births in a Vessel] filled with Straw. Three or 400 more soldiers have arrived to day. I met Mr. Pomroy in the street yesterday he did not know me at first, but turned suddenly round and said "do you know me?" and then "is it Isaac?" so I told him it was &c. &c &c. He was very sociable &c.

13th Sun. eve. Went to meeting and S. S.. Mr. and Mrs. W. go to "The Church" as they call it Par eminence I spose meaning the Episcopal. The girl goes to the Methodists. Mr. Wakefield and I to Mr. Pomroy's. This afternoon a company of soldiers came marching right by the meting house Drum fife

Monday noon. I have been to school. Frank Brown goes and there are 4 or 5 who went when I was here before in the school. I want a First Class Book and Colburn's Algebra immediately. It rains very hard to day and has rained or snowed almost every day since I have been here, and I have no umbrella. I must have some kind of a Jacket: this one will be all gone by July if I dont, bringing in wood and so forth, it begins to wear already. the old white jacket would be better than none. This would last a good while if I had another to slip on before and after school. It is a great deal more in the fashion to have wide collars turned over than it was 2 or 3 years since. Surtouts now have capes mostly, and neither surtouts or frockcoats have pockets before. The high school is now kept in a new building made on purpose. boys school below girls above. I have not much to do here yet. only to take care of the cow, wood and water. Mrs. Parker is very sick, is not expected to live I believe. I guess it would be well to send Comstock's Philosophy also if convenient. Why does not Joseph get home-spun? I need a penknife somewhat. I guess that the steamboat will come clear to Bangor Wednesday

Affectionately &c &c

Isaac S. Metcalf

Bangor Apr 8 1839
Isaac

P. S. I want a dictionary

I. S. M.

The class in Latin dont go fast enough

Bangor April 21st 1839

Dear Mother Joe ~~[illegible]~~

I suppose that before this time you know that Joseph has at last arrived safe in these parts. I did not see him till he had been here 6 hours I had given up the search and supposed he did not come in the boat. I shall feel much more at ease now I have some books. the books ~~were~~ very cheap but miserable paper and miserable binding, in the dict. there is pages missing and other pages put in 2ce, which bothers some. I want to know whether I had better send to Boston for a Greek Grammar and Reader and perhaps Cicero which I shall want pretty soon or buy them here.

Since school began, 1 week, we have finished the first book of the Aneid 200 lines. I had been over it before but not looking at it for so long I find that I cannot learn it any faster than I could at first hardly

I get up in the morning about 5, have 2 fires to make I have to bring water about 4 pails per diem from the yard across the street, take care of the Cow, bring in wood &c I have about finished the wood cutting splitting carrying into the Barn and soforth.

Tuesday. What beautiful weather, dont it set C. and E. to work. I want a Palmleaf hat, my head is to plagy hot I have been carrying away the banking from the house since Joe was here. If it holds this weather I shall not want a jacket so much as I have along back, work with my coat off

Mr. Worcester has considerable of a Library, but a large part of it is in foreign languages, French, Spanish, Italian, Latin, Greek, &c. &c. Most of the time he is in the house he is reading some french work, with his dict. by him, he has read thro one work since I've been here. and is now reading the Life of Louis ~~14~~ 14th in 4 tomes

(Aint this a good solid letter?)

Wednesday. I met with quite an accident last night, I went down town to get 3 gallons of Molasses in a great Jug, Demijohn, covered with wicker whatever you call it. Well I got it filled, it was heavy, and as I was carrying out I set it down on the step, lightly I thought but it happened that the rats had gnawed off the stuff leaving the bottom bare on one side, when I set it down that side broke in!! then the Molasses started; O dear! howsomeever I caught it up, turned it the other side up and carried in to the store and emptied it into a pail; spilt about a quart, I guess

Nath. Harlow one of Bradford Harlow's sons died Monday 9 of an brain fever I beleive the funeral was at 9½ this morning he had formerly been a member of the C. H. S. So the school adjourned to attend to attend the funeral, he was buried at Mount Hope.

5 o'clock, A little while ago Nat. Hobbs came into the yard where I was to work, bringing, you know what, !!!!!!!? That is the very fellow I've been hunting after so long, says he. The folks were all gone away visiting &c. &c. And it would not do for me to leave the house, no how. So I told him about the Trunk, he said he had a dretful load already, but if he could fasten it on, he would try and take it. Well. I hastened to examine my treasures, which were very acceptable, the jacket was very needful, the stockings were very nice, the books, knife and soforth very convenient, however the lead pencil was broke and shivered so as to spoil ½ of it

I've done well, moving towards home!! one leg little stiff! I guess the jacket will answer very well, Och! och! I set out to try it on to see but what do you think I found in the pocket?!?!? Och hathin! You say to send by Charles wherfore did Nat. Hobbs bring it here? The Umbrella is at Mr. Browns Frank will bring it over. I dont know but a frock would be suitable expedient &c

(A white cotton one or a white cotton jacket would do very well to wear to school in warm weather.

It seems to me Joe, that your letter is rath dry barren &c on at least small and findling). I want to know greatly, how the Work ^play the lambs, calves pigs, cows, horses, sheep, hens, wood pile, manure heap, plowing, planting, sowing, ferrying
&c [illegible] get along and prospers

So I tell you (Joe) you better fly round, likewise, Charl also

YOU, Must Write Write if I dont WRITE and Write
plural

Affectionately. C. H. S.
J. S. Metcalf
Bangor

P. S. Friday Is them the same seed cakes, that were left when you failed?

Mr. Hobbs was gone before I could send by him, and did not take the Trunk. So I thought as the Milo segers were going home Friday, I would send this by them, Levi Wilkinson.

I want a Palmleaf hat pretty soon great by If I don't I shall have the head ache all of the time when it is warm. a fine one,

Could not Charles bring one down sometime when he comes?

Mr. Worcester has engaged a piece of land (1 1/2 acres) over the other side of the road. It is covered with stumps bushes. &c very uneven he is to have it 2 years for clearing I believe Going to work on it tomorrow, clearing.

I have done 2 Jobs already for Charles Harris amount $,20; splitting wood

Where are my shoes I expected them in the bundle, I shall need them as soon as warm weather My coat begins to wear out especialy the lining.

In haste J. S. Metcalf

Isaac Bangor
Apr. 21/1839

Mr. Charles W. Rich
Milo
Me.

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you are so unacquainted with the cold hearted selfishness of mankind that

[illegible], May 6th [illegible]

Dear Mother

I wrote a letter last Sunday to [illegible] but not [illegible] any of you to send it ~~[illegible]~~ I concluded to add to it and for that purpose cut the seal open but behold! I had written so much before that there was not even a corner left & just then I spied this piece of paper see what I did with it!

I can't see why some of you don't write to me. It's a dreadful long fortnight since Charles was here. it will be 2 weeks soon

We are [illegible] through the 2d book of [illegible] in Virgil, 2d book has 800 lines. 1000 from where we began. At first we got only 20 to 30 lines per day, now 50 to 60.

Is not that old quid of tobacco piece wrote off, in the house somewhere I wish I had it to speak here

I have not had to speak or write yet the new scholars look on awhile, I shall have to a fortnight from yesterday then that every other week about

Did not the rain tuesday make a little [illegible] shot, there is quite a rise of water here. I expect it put a stop to farming operations for a few days. I am impatient to know all about the spring work, and whether the wheat was sowed before the rain or not &c. etc.

Is the fence put up over east for the sheep pasture? or do they run in the morning, as last year?

We, (I and Mr. M) have not planted of our taturs yet, been sowing garden, I have dug some holes to put

the manure in for [Isaac May 16 Bangor 1839] potatoes, and am going tomorrow to making fence. the patch is going to be rather hard hoeing, have to hole the taters instead of furrowing

What shall I write com. about there is no common subject, every one writes what he is a mind to, about ½ this term have been about the Aroostook war, And one C. Roberts the poet as he is called) spoke a piece of poetry of his own make about it. I want Joe. and Lucy and all of you to tell something

I almost wish I was to home sometimes. It is not so pleasant here as to home to work on the farm, I shall have to be a farmer I guess

Old Mr. Sewall of Farmington, Mrs. W. father has been here lately a few Francis Dennet is in Bangor I don't know for what. It rains again

You must all write to me Mother, Joseph, Lucy, et Elial often also, once a week or so

Sat, 16th There is great many things sold at auction every day today 250 bbls. Flour, H. S. feed, lots of furniture all kinds Crockery, Dry goods, etc etc. 22d a whole stores full, to be sold Never Mind the looks! ! !

Bangor Sun. June 9. 1839

Dear Mother

Mrs. Parker died last night about 11 o'clock. A month ago, she was not expected to live a week, and she has been declining ever since; Mortification began to take place Thursday, the doctor said that nothing but the very irritation of the disease kept her alive so long. She had a very painful sickness and a very hard death from the nature of the disease. She has suffered a great deal of pain, and her features are very much distorted, wasted to a mere skeleton with her long illness. She has had the same disease a year or two, but was taken very sick the first of Jan. Notwithstanding the painful nature of her disease, she has [illegible] her reason all the time about; her mind wandered a little for a day or two before her death.

Mon. P.M.

Mrs. Parker's funeral was today, 3 P.M. There was a good many present, Mr. Pomroy of course. She was buried at Mt. Hope 2½ miles from the city, the whole family, even "Granmam" went [illegible]; I was left to keep house, ergo, I now write. "Granmam" has not been out of the house for a long time before, but she thought she must go up to Mt. Hope with them. I think she [is] very smart for so old a [illegible]. Mr. [illegible] Harlow or "Penhale Natty" has been married again lately! the [illegible] [illegible]. He is not in very good repute [illegible] Mr. Walker, I guess. Charles Henry Johnson is [illegible] to him; Mr. Whitier [illegible], [illegible] I.

Has it not been fair weather at Mile for 3 or 4 weeks? The last real fair day here was the 26th of May I believe [illegible] that a great many [illegible] potatoes [illegible] in the ground! I want very much to learn all the [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible], [illegible], etc, etc. [illegible]

If [illegible] [illegible] write [illegible]

Isaac
June 9 1839
Bangor

Wed. June 12th P.M. Fair day

[illegible] this afternoon. I spoke this forenoon "Trust of the sublime", what I found in the newspaper. I have spoke but once before, and wrote but one composition; subject, Early Rising! We commenced the [illegible] to day in Virgil; get along pretty well. I guess [illegible] get part through the Algebra; to where it is the [illegible] hard. I wish I had one of those little small trunks [illegible] that has a key to put in my desk at school; the desks have no locks, and it is sometimes very convenient to keep compositions etc. etc. in them which everyone is not wanted to see; All of the other boys have a little trunk box or something of the kind. I guess one of those little trunks would go in, and it would be very convenient.

I am going to send home these suspenders, as they aren't [illegible] any yet? [illegible], I wish you would knit me some more long ones. If Charles don't bring me some letters tomorrow, I shall think you are all of you [illegible]

Thurs. 6 o'clock Charles came just now! [illegible]

My every day clothes are every way good as [illegible] [illegible], but I ought to have something else to wear to meeting. I am [illegible] ashamed to go sometimes, nearly.

[illegible] I have to work [illegible] health [illegible] but I have not got better! If I had some [illegible] and some good [illegible]

Bangor Sat. July 5th [illegible]

Dear Mother

I have not recieved a [illegible] from [illegible] in a long time, [illegible]

[illegible]

"Examination" is [illegible]

[illegible] August [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Composition, [illegible]

[illegible]

I am very [illegible]

[illegible]

Isaac. Bangor
July 13 1837

Bangor

July 21/1854

Bangor September 3d 1839

Dear Mother

I am here again at my old stand, although not yet hardly settled in business. I suppose that Joseph has got home by this time, and can inform you of all our doings. I thought it would be best to leave the wool here and I might be able to sell it some time; it is now safely stored away up garret. Hardly any one wanted to buy wool, it had fallen at Boston and New York, and they said they had lost money by what they had bought. $33\frac{1}{3}$ seemed the common price, but at Campbell and Mills, I was offered $37\frac{1}{2}$. I thought Charles would not be willing to have it sold at that price and that it had better stay here. etc.

On going to school this morning, the scholars all appeared glad to see me again, were afraid they had lost me &c. but Mr. Worcester said never a word till the Latin Class were called, he heard all before me, and then addressed me thus; Isaac, you left school before the close of the Term, and according to the regulations of the Committee, I have no authority to admit to the school, without a certificate from Mr. Abbot, C. S. S. C.

At recess I left the School and went over to Mr. Abbotts office. After inquiring into the particulars of the case, he very readily gave me a certificate of readmission.

I suppose if you want to send any thing to Boston next week by James he will probably go next week Wed. possibly not till Thurs next - but or week, if you would send your letter here I could send it by him - as it

Perhaps James would be glad of the chance to take a ... Mr. Ellis ...

Mr. Asa Walker jr is now gone to Wilton, with his sister; started yesterday morning, will be back Friday or Saturday. Mrs. Walker is I should think in much better health than when I left here, and does the work while Mr. W. and his sister are gone. James is going to Mass. after Lection, he says. Mr. Walker has got two new young pigs which he intends to keep through the winter. the other pigs are great hogs. I find that I am rather behind the rest in some things, they have a week start of me. There is a class beginning Comstocks Philosophy, and I must begin with them although I lack time for it. There are 11 new scholars this term besides some who left at the beginning of summer, returned. There is a class, (many of the older boys and those who have studied Algebra) going to go through the new Leonards Arithmetick, lately published, to refresh their memories etc. &c. It is very oppressively warm to day, especially in a Schoolhouse; James says I shall soon lose the flesh I have gained, studying, this weather. It comes very hard to wear a thick warm coat all day, or a stock either.

I left behind as you will perceive, my umbrella, shoes, Inkbottle &c., they can be sent with the pantaloons &c. I don't know but it would be best if I had that white jacket here. I rather think that that old woollen frock coat, which I wore some, when I first went home, (hanging up stairs) might be fixed by merely cutting off a few inches, of the bottom, putting on buttons etc. so that I could wear it to school considerable this fall, at least digging potatoes etc. It would save my other, (of which there is need), and, also, my pantaloons much more than a short Jacket

Wed. 4th

School does not keep this afternoon. I wish I had a Scientific Class Book; there is a class commencing it; it is just what I very much need to study, I should think. I have a great notion of giving Algebra and paying more attention to History, Philosophy —. I cannot attend to all Latin, Greek, and every-thing at a time.

James told me I had better get my coat made by Mr. Fox. [illegible] Market Sq.; that he did his work rather cheaper than others and he thought full as well; he always does their work. He says he dont know of any woman, who makes coats here, and so forth. I have been into Mr. Fox's shop; his prices are; for cutting and making a coat, $ 5,00. Trimmings always extra $2,25 for frocks $2,00 for dress coats. Cutting alone ,75 He said it would take 2¼ yds. for me a frock. 1⅞ for a dress coat. there is but 2 yds. of that of mine is there? I am sure I dont know whether it is to be a frock coat, or not! he [illegible] At some of the other shops, at least, the price for making is $6. $ 5, 02 is as far as my cash extends, and I ought to have some boots immediately.

I want to know what it is best to do about the coat; selling the wool &c., right away. Mr. Fox could not make the coat untill next week if it was there now, he says

There is to be a Select School for young Ladies established here in a month or two, which I guess would have been a good situation for Ann, but the teacher is already engaged, I believe, a Miss [illegible] from Brunswick It is expected that an Assistant for Mr. Turner in the H. S. will be wanted in the Spring I believe

Mrs. A. M. Metcalf

Care of C. W. Rich Esq.

Milo

I dont know what you will think of the end of my letter.
I guess I shall get long well enough ... j. i.

Bangor September 15th 1839

Dear Mother

I recei'd a bundle from you Thursday the 12th inst. containing a coat, pantaloons, vest, and stockings; I wanted those old shoes that I forgot also as I have nothing to wear now any where but the great thick boots. The pants I shall wear a good deal, I guess, this fall, they are fixed up nicely. The coat also will do me some good I guess but the sleeves and collar are so large that it looks awkwardly here; it would be just the thing to wear about all my work this fall and to school in cold, rainy weather, if I had any kind of a jacket; a thin or a baize ones are much worn here to work or school or any thing a thick one, I dont know but that camblet or old white one, only Joseph wants it and it is too very thick; something that would do to wear under it. One frock coat under another would not do so well you know. You see how one want satisfied only makes another?! I believe that the price of Wool is rising. I guess that it will sell soon pretty well. I had better sell it if I can get ,50 per lb. had not I. The tailor says that I can have a frock from my cloth by having a velvet collar, which would cost $ 1,25. and they are much worn so, or it would make a dress coat and a single breasted vest. I concluded that the dress coat, vest, and $1,25 would do me more good ~~than the frock coat~~. However, Frocks are much the most worn, now, here. He says that there will have to be some more silk and also some cord for binding. Moreover that he would wait a piece for a part of the pay, if it was not on hand etc. I guess that he is a real good sort of a man. Eben. T. Fox W. M. Square. he is to get the rest of silk etc.

I have left of studying Algebra as I found I could not get along with it decently. I find that the others have got the start of me somewhat since the 26th of July last. Some of them studied some during the vacation I guess. We shall commence the Greek Reader to morrow mine has not yet arrived but I guess I can borrow one from somebody I do not study History as yet but think I shall when the class gets to English History, as I feel a great lacking in that respect.

I guess that the Scientific Class Book that they have here is not the one Anne is acquainted with. this is an advanced work, goes entirely further than Comstocks, it takes Natural Philosophy in its widest sense. — — . Mon. 16th I found at the steamboat office, this morn. a bundle for me, containing two school books for me, a singing sentences for Anne, and 3 letters, 2 of them from Mr. Bush. I will send Josephs and Mothers as soon as I can with this etc. The Freight was $,25

The books are just the thing, I wanted, I want to know what Anne gave for them. The other scholars have to give $1,12½ for the Reader here! I expect we shall have to fly round to keep along when we study in the Reader too. they say it is awful hard.

5 oclock Coming home from school tonight, I perceived Mr. Ellis, wandering about in search of the habitation of one J. Adams. I knew the place and directed him to it, and I mean to get him to carry up my bundle of letters etc.

I am losing ~~of~~ my acquired flesh and strength fast already. ... I ... not so large ... as when I ... here ... I certainly can't enjoy myself as well as at work. I shall stick till next spring if health permits and then you see

You must all write. Anne must write to me, and all of you I feel almost like an exile —! Dont think I am discouraged or homesick or dissatisfied with my situation for it is not so in the least — B. A

Bangor ~~Cap~~ Sep 13 / 39

Dear Mother Bangor Oct. 20 1839 Sunday noon

I got here as Eliab has told you, when you read this & am here at Mr Walker's. Eliab I fear has a cold ride home. He ought to have had some mittens.

Send me my Journal & 1 my shirt that Isaac had at Bangor &c. &c. with the potatoes if possible. I did go to meeting this forenoon but am going this afternoon. They say that probably on account of head wind &c. the steamboat will not arrive here tonight & therfore, if not, will not depart till about noon tomorrow — I have eat dinner here, Mr. Walker's folks have got 1 new wrinkle — they take a great long baked potato in 1 hand & a knife in tother & crumb it into a bowl of milk & eat it with a spoon like bread & milk.

Good bye — Joseph with a poor pen.

7 o'clock, The steamer has not yet arrived. It may come up in the night as there is a good moon. If it so arrives in the morning it will start to depart at or near noon. The usual time of the boats arrival is 9 o'clock P. M. & of starting 6 A. M. — but it is very irregular now a days — some times when foggy it has not started some of the last trips, until 8 in the morning. I am at the present time up in Isaac chamber which is very respectable & warmed by a drum in the stove funnel!, with Isaac's steel pen in my hand, Isaac sitting by my side reading & James F Walker putting on his coat to go to a evening meeting. There drab trowsers are rather cold and thin, I fear it will be cool on board the boat with a deck passage. I atended Mr. Pomroy meeting cet apres dinee. Text. "The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more & more unto the perfect day" Proverbs 4:18

Monday ½ past 4 o'ct. A. M. The Bangor has not arriven yet but is expected every moment. The Bangor banks have all stopped specie payments & the bills of the Bangor Bank are considered doubtful good — I have exchanged the $5.00 Bangor bank bill (from Esq. Lee) for two $1's of the Frankfort bank current about here but uncurrent in Boston — a $2 on Newburyport Portland & a $1 — good in Boston or anywhere, { I changed it at E. F. Duren

How is my basket to be cut and made, & by whom? Can you cut it without me to cut it by?

I can let Isaac have the $2.00 of the Frankfort bank bills & perhaps more but the other $7.00 is current in Boston. Perhaps it is for the best that the Steamer does not arrive as the sea will have some time to calm after the gale of Sat. & Sundays before I start. Isaac is in school. — ½ past 10 A.M. Not come has the Steamer. 7 P.M. The steamboat has not arrived yet. I have been "loafing" all day & I am most, if not quite, sick of the trade. I sincerely wish I had worn ~~taken~~ the dark colored pants as these are thin & have no lining. I wish I was at home ~~till the steamer~~ I have given Isaac $2.62 of the $10.50 which I recd. He has paid Mr. Fox the $1.00 due for making the coat, & carried his coat down to " " to have it enlarged about the waist. At or about day break this morn I was on the Steamboat wharf & calculate to be tomorrow morning. I loafed at the book store this afternoon and read Fritz Hazell one of the temperance tales. Tuesday morn 6 A.M. The steamboat has not come. What to be done. 12 A.M. The steamer arr. about ½ hour ago. Starts in about ½ hour. I attended the launching of a schooner this forenoon. Good bye, from your affectionate son Joseph. Good bye. all.

Tuesday eve.

The ~~boat~~ Steamboat, (Joseph and all) started a little after One oclock to day; it did not arrive till about 11 or after. On account of the violent North and N.E. wind Sunday Sat. Monday &c the Portland did not start from Boston till — Joseph has staid here at Mr. Walker, took 6-7 meals here I don't know but it was rather bad for him to stay here so long but it could not be helped, and Mr. W. told him to stay and make himself perfectly easy. Joseph got rather tired of waiting for the boat; doing nothing or Loafing as the term here is: he helped me cut wood some, read some &c. &c. Joseph carries up a letter to put in the Boston P.O. from I. F. Walker and just before the Boat started, A Mr. Little of this city with whom James is some acquainted, was enquiring for some one to send a letter

by, an James told him of Joseph and said he was trusty &c. The letter contained $175. dollars in bills and was for a Mr. Rodgers of Tremont St. Boston. Mr. Little wanted he should give it to Mr. R. and get a receipt for it and send back. I should think it was considerable confidence to put in an entire stranger — one whom he had never before seen, any At the Boat was sitting a spark from the flue caught in the top of the front Foremast and was not seen till it had burnt the shrouds, ropes off and fell but it was extinguished without much damage. There was a very strong S.W. wind when the boat started and it was as much as ever could get turned round and started fairly — not till after two trials.

I want very much to know how Elisha got home Sir. He must have had a very cold ride against the wind all day. I thought of the poor fellow much during the day — perhaps I suffered about as much sitting by the fire and thinking of him as he did himself. I meant to have given him Joseph's great thick Comforter but did not. I want the mittens again — Elisha must ought to have staid and looked at the (City) a spell. He did not hardly see a Str, or a (Meeting house) It was awful cold and windy and I had just come out of a warm sitting room; with very thin clothes and he and Joseph were cold moreover this Sunday. there was hardly two people in the whole streets

I have paid my Mr. Fox for my coat, vest &c. and carried my coat to him, he is a going to let it out a little. I shall send the vest up. I dont know hardly what it is best to do about getting boots and shoes, I suppose these boots will last me ~~most~~ all winter and they are just as good in the winter. I guess I had better have a pair of thickish shoes, that will come up pretty high on my ancles, to wear round — to school in fair weather etc. they will save my boots and hold them through the winter. It is a great pity I did not have them a month ago. I am getting along decently about clothes after a fashion, except pants, to wear to meeting. Do have my new pantaloons ~~set~~ somehow or other decent if possible

Wed. Mr. Cox has fix'd my coat, it is now big enough so that I can button it. It seems to me very short waisted, but I suppose it is the Fashion! the rest is cut out and I shall send it up, you will see that there are very few pieces left. I shall need this winter, much more than that fine vest, a common, coarseish, thick, warm, double breasted vest, made out of most any thing. Mayo said that he did not know but Charles would be down sometime this week. perhaps, I had better send it. What had I better do about getting some shoes here? [illegible] at $1.5? I now I shall have time, an Cicero I suppose in 4 or 5 weeks, or more. We [illegible] the Virgil Aeneid Sat. then Cicero etc.

[illegible] the [illegible] holes in the Coat.

Isaac & Joseph
Oct 2[illegible] 39
Bangor

Bangor
Oct. 23

Mr. C. W. Rich
Milo

Dear Mother

Wednes. afternoon

I got here in good time about three o'clock found Mrs. W. without any girl, a new one came ~~sunday~~ monday ~~morn~~ eve; James W. is coming here in a week or two to help tear down the house, and a carpenter is coming too, by and by, the girl is quite young (not the good old one who cannot come yet) and without exactly asking I have found out that Mrs. W. would not want any addition to the family but I think Lucy had better come and board at Mr. Cutler's they would probably board her a little cheaper if she did her own washing and perhaps might pay part in produce at his store and C. take the money instead. She would learn as much [illegible] about behaviour company [illegible] here, and with regard to improving her time out of school, she must learn to have decision of character and independence enough to do what is right and proper without being led by others; a most useful lesson and one that can be gained best by experience. I should have gone up to Mr. Cutler's this afternoon if it had not rained, but there is no doubt but they will take her and she must get ready as soon as she can, I shall send word as soon as I have been there and she had better come as soon as possible afterward, so as to be here as near the beginning of that term as she can. Well, what kind of a school will she go to? Why, the committee who came in yesterday called it a new select schools for girls, in telling the scholars (and teacher too I suppose) how much they expected of them. It consists of 44 girls from 11 to 15 mostly, no boys, so you see it is just the school for Lucy and if she comes with a determination to study she can improve much and be a help to me. I should rather she would go to Mr. Pomeroy's meeting and perhaps I can arrange it so as to have her in our S. S. in that case she would attend meeting here in the forenoon, though that meeting is as good as this.

You must write often. Adolph and Eliab must write all how they get along with the work. This warm weather

I want my thick shoes to work in the garden with.

Bangor Wed. 22d 1840 P. M.

Dear Mother &c.

You know how Ann all last term kept thinking that she had a bad school to manage, and did not get along well; the committee were not satisfied &c. &c. did not have a good Examination and all that. I said that she did well &c. &c. How did it turn out? This term she has got, I suppose, the very best school, taught by a female, in the city!!! A New Select School!!! Consisting of girls only; just about the right number; just about the right age; and, moreover, just the very place for Lucy!!!!! The next thing is, I suppose, for Lucy to get here as soon as possible. It seems as if you would need her at home this summer, but I think it is altogether too good a chance to be lost, or gone even one day either, especially if she can get boarded at Mrs. Butler's for, I think. Cant you get little Olive again this summer?

It is a pity that Charles cannot improve this nice early spring, so as to get his crops in in good season, and, for once in the way, get fairly beforehand. He ought to have had some of his wheat sown before this rain today; but I suppose he has not. I fear he will conclude that his 6 days time and fuss spent for 10, dollars worth of hayseed, that he wanted to sow himself, was ...... not quite wasted, -but Misapplied

It is so dark that I can write no longer. [illegible]

I have sold the smaller box of butter for 14 cts per pound. 12¼ pounds $1,71 I have enquired some what, but do not think I shall be able to sell the seeds, It is too late, every body has got a full stock, more than they can sell; it is possible that I could sell them for something if I would take pay out of the store, not otherwise

I was very lucky in selling the butter at 14 even I think; they were selling good butter out of the stores at 12 and 13, but one man, Abner Taylor, who appeared to be a connoisseur, bought a little, for his own family use, but did not want the large box, 12 pounds was enough took it I now ever body was pleased with the butter greatly

Perhaps I can sell some of the seeds as many as he want to sow to Mr. Walker he has got all his seeds for garden to buy

[illegible] ... 24 ... I was in there too ... store ... would ... [illegible]

There is a class beginning French this term, or going to. I wish I could study with them, but I can't hardly know whether I should have time. besides I guess that I should have to buy new books some, they begin upon a translator, which Anne has not got, you see, I wish Joseph could be here this term, I do wish I could be at home this summer. (I was not going to say it) but it would be much more pleasant. It is much harder work to study than to labor!!! to me at least (in the summer, specially) I sometimes think how much better it would be if I could be to work at home, out of school, where it is really needful; than to be here putty fustin on little bits garden, ~~walking~~ that, hour after hour from one end to tother, &c. Labor which might do more good somewhere else.

We are getting to work in our garden considerably, All ready to be done. By the way if Charles is down again soon, I mean to send up some little ~~li~~lilac bushes, they would be taken nearer, I could get some, lots of little schulch, from round garden stairs, 2 ½ &

I want a Palm leaf hat, right away. How shall I get it? My Clothe one is so warm; it does very well to wear to school this 2 months. but to work, when [illegible] as warm as today, for instance, and a thick cap is [illegible] I don't to give 2/6 for one again. What has become of my old one.

[illegible] day after school, [illegible] suppose, [illegible] she will take Lucy [illegible] she would [illegible] for which we think [illegible] that I pay 150 including [illegible] and that you would be glad to have [illegible] if it would be [illegible]

Lucy must try to get her things in as good order as she can, [illegible] she will be [illegible] study considerable out of school hours. I shall need her help in school [illegible] many of them the best scholars selected from other schools and all [illegible] expected of me and [illegible] that I have the best school, because they [illegible]

The butter is still in Parsons and Parker's store, and was ... is in town, and he could sell it ... that it had been ... he said that ... but there was ...

Care of
Mr Charles W. Rich
Milo

Ann L Isaac
1840
Bangor

Bangor Feb. 3d 1848

Dear Mother,

Charles was down here Sat. Feb. 5, but I did not see him at all! which was altogether to bad. You see Ellen Lee called the evening and said he was coming — he was not here till after school time and it was Sat. and School kept by reason of Compositions till almost dinner time. So after dinner, I went down town to look for him, hunted all over town and found him not! Came home, and he had been here, staid a few minutes and started for Milo! I suppose that I went one way to look for him and he came up to Mr. H's another and so we escaped one another. I was a good deal disappointed. You can't hardly think how much good it does one, when away, to see any thing from home. Just to see the Horses would be pleasure. You did not make out to write a very long letter, I believe, And Eliza did not write any at all, What is the Reason? You said you was going to send Joseph's last letter, but it did not come. Also Joseph's letter to me, that we sent up, ought to be sent back, however.

Ann and I, have recently written to Boston, a letter. I received a letter from James Walker at Hancock, a while ago and have lately answered it. Sent last Sat. Feb. 5.

There is one thing, which I have forgotten every time, till we have written home this term. There was a little bundle of papers; tied or bound up in a paper, which I left a little, among the books &c. that Ann was to bring down. She brought it not, and I want it very much here. it contained among different things old scattered thoughts, skeletons of Compositions, &c. !!

Besides that, there was a kind of a book, ~~think~~ that I made a good while ago and made of some translations of Geography on part of. it will never be of any use to any one there and I should use it here. that was also left among the books &c. that Anna was to bring down. If those things are "lying round," as is most likely, I wish you would send them down when there is a chance, without trouble or cost. Also Mr. Walkers letter to me while I was at the
The pants you sent back mended are just about the thing — just right every way — I shall wear them a good deal
My other pantaloons, on account of their being so much too long, (which makes them wrinkle up and look very ugly), are not hardly decent to wear to meeting, however, I get along after a fashion, by keeping my pantaloons pretty constantly!! If you make up another pair, do make them 3 inches shorter, at least, they will last very much longer. The drab ones, you mended, are plenty long. ~~[illegible]~~
Charles ough to take better care of his finger. I expect that he hurt it once, trying to get my foolish little pony into the ferry boat.
It may be because I am no singer myself, but, I really have no faith in Singing Schools. I can not help thinking, myself, that it would be very much better, for both Charles & Eliah to spend their evenings at home, studying or reading some good, useful or entertaining and instructive books. Besides, the money they spend Mr. Hatch would furnish them with Oil all winter!! ~~think of that~~ I have no objection to Mr. Hatch's getting some money [illegible] or any other way, but I almost since that he might get it by his blacksmithing, for all me (but that is true. However, I can't think that he is any thing very extra in singing, and Mr. W. entirely despises all his singing and music &c. And he is a great

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Dear Mother — Feb. 8th 1846

I wrote the foregoing about a week since, but hurry &c. has prevented my finishing the thing, — it can hardly be called a letter, I expect I took this old sheet about as much from laziness as any thing. Too lazy to write a good letter, on a good sheet, with a good pen. So I took this miserable one.

Is it not queer weather this winter, the snow is most all gone here; I guess Charles will not make out much, this winter, the weather &c. have been such. he had better have kept school,

Mr. Walker is going to break up housekeeping for a time by and by, but not right away, April, perhaps, or March, What shall I do then? try to get another place, or go home? I don't hardly know whether I had better stay here and go to school this summer, (even if I can) or go to work, on the farm, or something. I believe I have not changed my mind, yet, about NOT going to College. If I should go I never should make any thing. ~~[illegible]~~ without the advantages of a college education [illegible]

Elijah must learn just as much as his situation permits, this winter. Does he have the wood to saw? he don't have many cattle to take care of since Charles is not there with the Horses. — I wish I had him in my study, here some of these good long evenings, I would make him learn, I know. He must study evenings, much better than to go to singing school. !! I get along some in my studies, Latin & Greek &c. but not very fast any I find I have filled my sheet, such as it is, after a fashion, but I don't see as I have written much of any thing. Do, take time, and write me a good long letter, I want to know how things get along &c. J. S. Metcalf

Isaac Bangor
Feb 15 '46

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Me

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo

Mr. Isaac S. Metcalf
Foxcroft

Favored by Mr. Furbec.

Isaac
Foxcroft 43

Foxcroft Dec. 7, 1843.

Dear Mother

I can hardly realize now that you are two or three hundred miles from here, although I ~~was~~ have been at at home and staid a week. Lonesome enough it seemed there, with *no* Mother, and *no* Eliab. The very idea of Home, seems to be made up principally of "Mother", and two or three others.

Our Examination at the Academy came off pretty well, rather better than usual, it is said. We had a very good Exhibition the next day, or evening rather. It was a rainy day and a damp & cloudy evening, but the Meeting house was crowded full, and the Audience sat with perfect patience and attention till past one o'clock, commencing at six. Charles and Lucy did not come up, on account of the weather. I was very sorry. I wanted their opinion of the exact and comparitive merit of my *Oration*! I spoke 20 min., house by accident very warm, & took cold through my carelessness, but have about got over it. After settling up the Exhibition matters, I went home and stayed most a week. Mr. Foss died, as you have probably heard, ere this, on Wed. morn. Nov. 22^d. I did not hear of it till I got home Sat night. Charles watched with him the night he died. I had a real lazy time, and got rested. Lucy was pretty well. Charles, I thought, looked as if he wanted to see his **Marm**. Perhaps as much as I did?!!

I have commenced my school, and find it a Case. I have had near 70 scholars already. Shall have some more after Thanksgiving (today). They are almost all small ones, and such a restless, uneasy, witching set as I never saw before. The control &

Lucy informed me that you said direct letters to care of Uncle Joseph Stevens Warwick

management of a hundred of the wildest or roughest young fellows, right out of the woods, or the street; in their teens, or older; would be nothing to it, as a trial of patience at least.

I shall probably have some larger scholars, next week. I have 6 classes in reading, 5 in Arithmetic, 4 in Geography, 3 in Grammar, Nat. Philosophy, History, Algebra &c. 10 to 20 in a class, generally. I board at Mr Parker's. I like the place pretty well, except that I do not have a room to myself which is rather disagreeable, as I have to keep to the hours of other people instead of such as suit me and go to bed in season! 10 oclock is bed time here!! I shall not have much chance to study this winter, I guess.

Dec. 27th My letter will get out of date, into the new year before I send it. Last Sat. Mr. Fash & I got a horse & sleigh & went down to Milo in the P.M. to see the folks & spend the Sabbath. Most unfortunately we found Lucy sick a bed, all piled up with a lame ancle, unable to move! You may imagine the fix! However, we brushed round, Almeda really undertook, fixed up her room & entertained us hospitably! In the end things passed off not so bad as they might be although Lucy felt dreadfully about it at first.

We went up to Brownville to meeting & finally came back Sabbath eve, as there was prospect of a storm in the morning. I expect Lucy was a little too smart about her Thanksgiving washings &c., 'overdid' & took cold. Dr. Kimball came & prescribed Calomel!!! However she was much better Sunday. & I guess twas only a Cold & Rheumatism, and she will get over it in few days. Charles has not done much upon the house yet: but Mr. Gilman is coming to help him soon. Abner Butler has been threshing: the grain turns out most mizerably

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Joseph is getting along pretty well in his school I believe. He is a good teacher, I know. He has an Indian in his school. 40 or 50 scholars. Universalist people.

I hardly know how I am prospering. I hear some complaints of my punishing, which I have found it impossible to do without entirely. People are very ready to blame a teacher as not being strict enough, but no one is willing to have their children punished. School averages 46 & upwards, all weathers. "Writing school Sat. Aft. W.'s." Flatter myself I am a pretty good "Writing Master," if this letter does belie it.

My school is very tiresome. I am so exhausted & lazy that I do not make out to study much evenings. I sleep till [illegible] hours [illegible] instead of 4 to 6 as I did in the fall. Very bad habits!

Mr. [illegible] folks had a "donation party," on Thurs. 21st. About 100 people there P.M. & evening. Presents amt. [illegible] 50, &c.

I am anxious to hear from you. It is most two months. [illegible] willing to pay postage once a month, at least. Eliab must write. I am anxious to hear where you are & what you are doing. How does Eliab spend the winter? He must not forget his religion. Young Christians have especial need to watch. Eliab ought to be [illegible] something. Habits of idleness & inapplication of mind are easily formed, but thrown off with difficulty. The state of religion is low here & seemingly everywhere about. I hope you will write me some good, long old fashioned letters, as you used to; have Eliab write, do him good. Him too. I wish you all a "happy new year"!! "This wish includes all friends & relatives, every one, I can remember, at least."

Your Affectionate and ever mindful Son

Isaac S. Metcalf

I really wish you, or some one else, would tell me what to do in the world. I have, Providence willing, a life to spend & a living to get, somehow, but I truly know nothing how or where. (pray who does?) It is certainly time I did. It can hardly be the part of a reasonable man to decide on going through College now.

I suppose you are expecting a letter from [illegible] but I [illegible] as I shall be able to [illegible] much of an [illegible] writing [illegible] than [illegible] might do myself because of [illegible] than [illegible] to me that we are located in the corner of creation, here all seem to be life and animation they are not all [illegible] the mind [illegible] frame up. The Engineers is this very [illegible] Surveying the road for a Rail road through this town the road they are looking at now is [illegible] of uncle Jo's across the Kimball Whitney's & uncle Leonard's but there will be a great [illegible] about [illegible] shall go Greenfield folks say it shall go through that town or not at all [illegible] Gales Eben'r Ball teaches the school on the Crook George Cheesbro' (grandsir) is a [illegible] Merchant has a Store in the middle of the town Dwight Mayo is teaching in Thirty but [illegible] all the young men are to Lowell or the west teaching trading or something hardly enough stay to keep the old stock good

I want to hear about all the folks in Mass. I expect we have been here away from all our friends and acquaintances, for so long, as to be almost forgotten if not forgetting. Anything you write will please. I have got a new coat made, a 'taglioni' so called, can wear no other coat, generally [illegible] pay Dickson $1,50 for making & trimmings in the spring. I have borrowed [illegible] this fall. It is ridiculous for me to be so poor. Too bad for a person of my abilities!, reputation!, & intrinsic worth!! to teach school for 16, dolls. per month. Especially such a tremendous hard school as this.

[illegible] Mass. June 1

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Mrs. Anna H. Metcalf,
Care of Joseph Stevens Esq.
Warwick, Mass.

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Dec. 7 – 1843
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Foxcroft March 3d. 1844. Sunday

Dearest Mother

My roommate's beau came this morning and staid so long that I could not get ready in season to go to meeting; so I will spend a part of the forenoon in writing to you, although I do not in all cases approve of writing letters Sunday. Joseph came up with me last Monday, went to Dexter Tuesday to try to find a chance to work, but did not [illegible] to go to school. Isaac & I board together at Mr. Buthes'; — not more than three or four rods from the Academy. We boarders viz. Miss Kent from Sebec, Isaac & myself have a comfortable, pretty little parlor (with an air tight stove, rocking settee &c.) and two bedrooms leading from it. My room has a fire in it. The price of board is 8/ with washing done, or 7/6 and do my own washing. I think I shall do my own & Isaac's too. Miss Cavano is very amiable, pleasant, handsome, agreeable, pretty &c. &c. I like it a great deal better being in a room by ourselves, (we girls) but we have to go down below to recite, which is grieving. I study Algebra (and if you will believe it, get along nicely therein too; — I was behind most of the class when I came, but am now ahead of all the girls) Upham's Mental Philosophy, Arithmetic & Grammar. Oh! dear, how I do hate to "manipulate" on the board in Algebra & Arithmetic. Isaac has the Algebra, Mr. Park Arithmetic & Miss C. Upham. If it is a possible thing I shall get excused from going to the board, for I am so abominable silly that it takes my strength "entirely away"

This is universally acknowledged to be a very hard school. — If the teaches any where about here, the school at Milo Mills will be a good one on account of high wages and tractable scholars.

The people here are very extravagant in their opinions about Ann as a good teacher — all with one accord want her to keep the school this summer, but if I was her I would not — she can get better schools for higher wages.

& making me as weak as a rat. It is foolish I know, but so it is and I cannot help it. Sunday March 10th Again I stay at home from meeting, partly on account of a cold, and partly because the walking is very bad. When I came from home I left cooked a bushel of doughnuts, two whole hog shoulders, thirteen loaves of bread and ten mince pies! Didn't I do pretty well? I find since I came here, that I need some kind of a handsome dress: having nothing of the kind except my black one, and that I have had four years, and it is entirely out of fashion, besides being lined throughout, so that it is uncomfortably warm in moderate weather. My silk one is so small I cannot wear it with flannels, at all. But I don't know as there is any help for it, except to "grin and bear it." Isaac needs a hat &c. &c. very much, but has not got his money yet for teaching school. Small means! "Great minds & small means ruin many." Not that I would insinuate that we have great minds accompanying our small means. By no means. I never heard Isaac declaim really in my life till last Wednesday, and he really did much better than I expected. I laugh at him some for pursuing a College course so fear before he has concluded whether to go or not. If he is not going he had better do something else. We may not write again before you come home, & about getting any things if there is any way to get them — you know what we need I suppose. The boys need some linen for bosoms & dickeys &c. Isaac especially, much; and I shall have to have something in the shape of clothes very soon. But you know best. Aff. daughter Lucy.

[redacted] I dont want nothin as I see but what I can get or do without. Isaac & Lucy have left not me much room to write & not only so but also I have got not much to write. The schoolhouse on Stanchfield ridge, in which Isaac kept the village school long time ago was consumed by fire last Thursday night. Daniel Barker from Exeter was keeping the school. Gilman is at work on the house yet. C. I guess expects him 2 weeks longer now. I guess I feel happy — & Eliab had not better a gone to Massachusetts. I dont know what else to write. G. C. H[illegible]

Foxcroft March 10th 1845

Dear Mother

"We are all very pleasantly situated here, pleasant rooms &c. &c. Can step out of the back door into the Academy yard.
I am on about the same foundation of last autumn; am occupied in the regular recitations just 2 hours out of the six, at present. Have a very good class, in Algebra, 2 in Grammar & one in Arithmetic besides a private class or so, out of school hours. And then we are so handy here that we have an abundance of Callers, of all kinds, many come in for Assistance in all branches. I am studying "Xenophon" and "Livy", &c. on the regular College Course. I can fit, I suppose, to enter a year in advance this fall, if I try. I have not concluded! I am also dipping into the more extended College Course of, Mathematics. I am getting along finely, can do up the regular college lessons throughout, in a few hours per diem. "School commenced with 52 Students, & at present, constantly increasing. Shall have more than 100 in pretty good for a Spring term. Joseph is here now, has been ... there to get something to do - mind is on every but studying.
Lucy's health is not very good, perhaps not so good as it was last spring, takes cold easy. She has been shut up in the house so all winter, been out but once or twice till she came here. No horse, at home, you know. I think her health will improve here, if she is careful, does not have to go but a step or so in bad weather & walking.
I do not believe Elijah has got along so well in study, this winter as Lucy has, at home, alone, & at work all the time. She went through Smith, thoroughly at home, & is getting along finely in Algebra will be one of the best in my Class. We rec'd a letter from Elijah via John Cutler last week or so. When are you coming home? I have very little faith in Elijah's going to learn a trade in Boston;

[illegible] & Mr. [illegible] in [illegible] to the house, have got clapboards planed & Ell clapboarded, all the floor boards planed, & most of the [illegible] trimmings. Joseph is in a quandary whether to take the West half of Mr Lees farm or part of Charles, or to buy Mr. Keen's down river. (Mr. K. has bought Mr. Norcross' over in Atkinson where we hauled logs, moves this spring.) or to go up to the iron works, or where not.
I hardly know what to do myself this summer, at least, if I do not study. I have some thought of going down to Enfield, and engaging in Treat's Carding mill there, Treat invited me to.
If I should conclude to go on with my studies, I ought to be engaged in some lucrative business for the little time I can spare this summer. I hardly think I shall go to College after all, I suppose if not, my time is not lost by any means. We see by Isaac's description of Joe's quandary that a little learning is a dangerous thing & that words without knowledge darken counsel. I a[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whether to go to sea this spring or not. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hear from [illegible] [illegible]

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Care of Joseph Stevens Esq.
Warwick Mass

Isaac & Lucy
Mar. 3d 1844
Freeport

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Foxcroft June 2d 1844

Dear

I do not know as I have much of any thing to write just now, certainly not of importance. I like to write letters home as well as think of home, even if I do not very often hear from there. Things get along about as usual, and I have just got fairly settled down to my studies again, after my weeks absence, some called it running away here. Four new scholars entered the School while I was gone, Anna Hutchins of Industry, who was here last fall; and three young men from Charleston, who left there for some reason suddenly, right in the middle of the term. They were, I should think their three best scholars there, nearly fitted for College, & think of going ing to Brunswick this fall. I guess they are really first rate fellows & good scholars. Isaac W. Case, Dr. Case's son of Levant, Junius K. Bartlett of Harmony, and Smart who was in Milo a year ago, ~~Robert B.~~ B. F. Smart, I believe. If I go to ~~Bruns~~ Brunswick they will be my companions there three years probably.

The school now numbers 42 in all! Mr. Tash did not know but he would have to sett me to work again, he said, but I guess he will get along as some are leaving occasionally. Nancy Carpenter has left. Trafton & Owens, Philbrick was gone last week, Delegate to the great Whig State Convention!

I found a letter from Joseph in the P.O. when I came up here, if Lucy had waited she might have seen it.
I suppose likely you have heard from him ere this, he wrote that he had written sent or was about to send home: He says he is not at work in a lath mill for 10,00 per M. never saw a lath mill. saws window blinds slats, and has $13,00 per Month. He was there week before he obtained permanent employment in which he earned enough to pay his board & one cent more.
Joseph wrote that there was some probability that in a fortnight, which would be near this time, he should be at work on the Fish river road, for the State, that I suppose is way up to Aroostook, 150 or 200 miles. Wrote nothing of the Fish river condition or prospect except $15,00
Our bell is not hung yet, afraid it will not before the Fourth. There is to be a great Democratic Celebration at Dover.
" Whig do
at Levant, & Liberty "
up to Parkman Mr. Parker I suppose delivers an address
" " I don't know yet whether I shall stay here or go home, or run off somewhere.
Court Week, some important cases. Col. Paul & Maj. Blaken at last decided in favor of Paul. unexpected decision.
How would it work for me to go to work for Captain Holmes or some of the big farmers here, in haying, for some money. guess I might. James Holmes told me they wanted to hire. I expect I have got along so I might leave my Studies some. Might work here for money spell, before Charles begins

Society meeting, this A. M. Mr. Parker went down to South Dover, funeral of Mr. Joseph Foster, a member of this Church. P. M. Mr. Parker. Text. Zion is a desolation. The present declension of religion, its causes; finally brought in Slavery, & connection of the American Church with it, as one cause; and spoke the rest of the afternoon upon it, or at least much longer than usual, and very good too, pretty severe too, but I guess offended no one; people here different from a few years ago. Mr. Parker has had a great influence here, very great on that respect. He is a very different man from Mr. Wells.

4th, Fourth of July Bell ringing & Powder smoking morning.
As I swam an hour or so yesterday, worked considerable, and was employed late in the evening, I took a fine nap at the gun fire & bell ringing this morning.
Most of our best ones have gone down to Levant this morning, My roommates Chandler, Philbrick, the Charleston fellows, first rate chaps they are, &c. They had a flag made of their own. "Foxcroft Academy" 'Clay & Protection'. The others got our best motto, 'Protection and no [illegible]' I would not go under the 'Clay'.
Got our [illegible] up yesterday P. M. I worked to get it up, considerable job outside. They call it [illegible] bell in the place. pleasant tone &c.
I have received another long letter from Clark this week
I would to Joseph again but he left me in uncertainty whether to direct to Oldtown or Fish River. If he wrote to you let me know
Mr. Fish's "Trouth" excites some speculation. (He went up to Capt. Holmes's, where he is a frequent nightly visitor, & on Wed. eve. & was not seen in these parts again till Thurs. eve, or Frid. morn. I staid here part of the day, & had a fine ride up to Guilford & about with Clement who was going up & offered me a ride with him. They had quite a parade here, but I did not care for it, or in H. Hamlin's speeches, Clay Celebration at Levant. J. W. Case, who went down from here, read the Declaration, Paine Orator: Mr. Parker delivered an Address up to Parkman
I intended to have sent this letter by (L. Kimball Frid. but he went too soon.

I had Eliab's jacknife in my pocket by some unaccountable mistake, when I came up from Milo, and never knew it till after Lucy went back, I am afraid he wants to use it. I really wish Eliab would write to me. It is for his own interest. He must practice writing especially if he would teach. Did I ever have the Canker rash? it is [illegible] One of Mr Young's children died of it week or two since. Little Chauncey [illegible] has it now. If I should go to haying, I want some coats [illegible] to wear.

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

Isaac
June 29 - 1844

Brunswick Sept 6th 44

Dear Mother
And brothers & Sisters; I am here quietly seated in my room, Sabbath day after meeting, and, as I have not before, perhaps it will be no harm to write a letter home, today.

I suppose you are all wishing to hear all how I got here, how I like, & how I git along &c To begin at the beginning Eliab can tell how we got to Bangor, & I should like to hear from him how he got back. I dont know as it was right for him to go home so into the Sabbath. What time did he arrive? (How does Josephs coat suit. You know he can send it back. I hope Eliab did not get it injured in the rain. The fact is, I knew nothing what he wanted. He did not even tell me how much he wished to give for one, which coould have been a guide, you know. The one I bought was precisely of the new fashion; perhaps you will not like it. I had only the night to pick it out in, but I guess it is a pretty coat and cheap. It was a perfect fit for me. Mr Norcross jun. of the Washington House had the mate to it, just alike for $12,00 I got it, 25 cheaper for the button lost.

I went to Mr. Pomeroys to tea Sunday. He gave me $5,00 I heard (Mr. Gough, pron. Goff.) Sab. eve. The best temperance lecturer, he has had great effect in Bangor. The young men needed his influence. &c It rained much Sab. eve, & the wind blew all day hard. So the steamboat passage was very rough & I was a good deal seasick. I omitted to lay in provisions Sat. and had to get breakfast on board or I should have perished almost. The aggravations of seasickness are increased tenfold by an empty stomach. The only cure is eating! I suffered much for dinner

c Mr Gough was on board & gave us a speech down the bay. He lectured here Wed. eve. We arrived at Portland at dark, two hours late for the extreme sea roughness. Had to pay, 16⅔ for carrying my trunks to a tavern, & ,25 for my lodging alone. Supper & breakfast both, 12½. Got to Brunswick in the Stage for $1,00, which was better than to walk, as I probably could not get the trunks carried for ;50.

It is perhaps a bad thing for Clark that I did not come the week before as I intended. He concluded I should not come, and feared he could not get another room mate, which would double his bills of rent, fuel, lights &c. The day before I came, when he had about given up seeing me, Cook, one of last Spring term associates, came & wanted to go in with him (Clark is popular) would buy some nicer furniture &c. Under the circumstances I thought not best to interrupt them though they both offered to. Cook is rather a Rowdy, & acquired considerable reputation in the "Bagger war" last spring, by "knocking down" a "Bagger", in the street, & day time for which however he was "suspended" a while.

I do not think his influence beneficial upon Clark, who is one of those characters who take their stamp from the company they keep in a great degree. I had however several other chances offered me. Among the rest, a certain Senior, James Newton by name wanted I should come in with him for this term, as his Chum is absent. It would save him half of fuel & lights. It was a pretty good offer as his room is well furnished; but it would be going out of my class, which is unpleasant, & I must find a new room mate, or set up for myself in the spring, which would be more difficult. His object was said to be to make

me a Peucinian, as he is a member of that Society

I have been the past week with a Mr. Baker - Wm. W. a Sophomore, just come from Waterville, Belfast fellow, He is a good clever fellow, a beneficiary, stout, slow, but perhaps strong. Might make a good chum, without being a very popular student.

I have bought me a cap, same material as Joseph's, but large, big, top, & fixed off, quite a cap, for $1,00 Bought of Griffin, the College monopolist. Guizot $1,10, French grammar, 70, Cic. Sen. Am., 55, Hom. Iliad 1,15. Total $3,50 on term bill. Legendres Geometry I bought second hand for $,50, price 1,25. I ought to have brought Boyer [illegible] me. New one costs $2,25, borrowed New[illegible] for this t[illegible]. Our duties are, Bell about [illegible] Prayers in the little old crowded chapel. Recitation, [illegible] weeks, Cic. Am. Latin, & Homer, Greek. Latin is very easy [illegible] Greek will be when get underweigh, Next. Breakfast At 9, study hours, every one required to be in rooms. 11, Rec. in Geometry, very easy so far. (Dinner 2, Study hours, 4 French, on which Prof. Goodwin drills us till prayer bell, double time, about. This is the hardest study to me, (Drives hardest: probly because I lost 3 or 4 lessons, which it is very difficult to gain, that is the instructions of Prof. G. at recitations. Pronouncing & conjugating verbs I think hard. (grows easier very fast,

On the whole I am getting on finely & expect to. I am very much obliged to Ann for her loan, under the circumstances, might have been short without it.

I hope you will all take pains & write. J. L. [illegible]

Some one swapped my umbrellas with me in Bangor. I have got a small but better one, whale & iron sticks. Clark is not very well.
If you receive papers from me, just put the wrappers to or near the fire, If you knew how pleasant, and how morally & mentally beneficial, it is to receive letters from home, when one is away & in a sense alone, please to write Often. Never put yourselves to the least uneasiness, on my account, I shall succeed well. Among so many no better than I in [illegible] circumstances, experience or knowledge, I shall of course get along as cheap as I can, Next year [illegible] probably get some little offices to earn some;

What is Mrs Child's direction, I suppose I ought to send her a Catalogue

now for the bright side we all enjoy good health (tho I have been almost useless for a fortnight past with rheumatism in my back) G. has got a good well dug & stoned & a new pump in right in the backroom which altogether cost 50 or 60 dolls "a good job well over,, a necessary built &c Joseph has engaged the school at the corner for 3½ or 4 months at 20 pr month and board himself — has got him a coat expect Susan and Mr Foss here this week to make it up

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Miss Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Piscataquis Co.
Maine

BRUNSWICK Me. OCT 1

Bruce
Sept. 6. 1844
Brunswick
Bond

Bangor Dec. 14th, 1844

I sent up a bundle by Mr. Dudley, yesterday, with a little scrawl in pencil mark, which perhaps you can read; but as I suppose you will like to know more particularly of my situation and prospects, I think I will write a letter.

I expected Mr. D. would go Thursday, instead of Friday, or I should have sent by Mr. Cutts; I fear you will not get the bundle in season to send by Cutts next week.

I walked down to Mr. Dudley's Friday night after Elijah left me; and Sat. went into the City, in the morning. I was round in the rain all day, but could not get my trunk; Garnsey was gone & by some mismanagement had taken the key with him. I wrote a letter to him; and by sending down the next week finally got it, Wednesday. I staid at Mr. Harlow's till Sabbath Eve.

By the way they have Meetings here every Sabbath & Eve. some of the Students preaching usually, & I suppose I shall be obliged to remain here. Neither the folks or their preachers would like it if I did not.

I have got a very pleasant School, about 40 Scholars and considerably forward, most all going here.

Have a good Class of five in Algebra, and good classes in all the common Studies, especially in Colburn's Arithmetic which you know is much thought of here. The scholars all seem really well disposed, and very bright & intelligent. If one must teach they could hardly get into a better place

for a common School, though the 'little ones' are still a trial and there is opportunity sufficient to exercise patience.

The Committee have not yet visited any School.

I expect to have a writing School in operation pretty soon but it will be a small one, and the compensation smaller.

I have been up Capt. Mower's one evening. Mrs. Mowers says that "Charles Rich is too particular ever to get married"!

Mr. Mower is a fine man I think, a likely man, & an awful talker.

He has a nice family of Children. Six of them attend my School, and form a very good part of it, in wits as well as numbers.

Horace Mower has had the reputation of being a very bad fellow, but I am very far from anticipating any trouble from him.

I board in a very pleasant family, Mr. Dudley's, about a third of a mile from the School-house. I shall have to pay 9/. for board perhaps, 10/6, without washing. 10/6 is the usual price here. The Millmen all pay it, I hardly see why it is so high.

The Brownville teams pass here every day, going to the Iron works, and into the woods; the West branch teams go through Brownville. I dont often have a chance to see them, but one at Milo Mills might see twenty 1/2 dozen times per day.

If you send Mr. Dudley's, Red House, 1/2 mile above Bucknam's

I am really anxious to hear from home, How does Almeida get along, and does she feel reconciled? How does Joseph get along with his School — pleasantly? Let him write to me all about it, & every thing else. do him good. How does Charles get along with the house? What became of the old bridge? Will all those oxen & horses eat him out of house & home, this winter? What is Elijah doing? Tell him to (improve his precious time). Not pat-

tern after me when I am at home there, (only visiting you know.) Get up in the Morning. He dont begin to know yet how much he dont know; and how much he ought to be learning. Learn to write. Write to me. do him good.
How is Sister Lucy? & what is she did'din on? I hope she has not forgot how to write; if she has, I shall not dare ever to go back to Brunswick. I wish Ann would write. And especially my Mother. She ought not to have too much to do to write to her children, when away.

When is Charles coming to Bangor? If he can, or any body can, get any money, I wish they would pay Caleb Prentiss, Foxcroft, Five dollars, on my account. To be paid this month. I dont want to wear my Credit.

I dont know but I must send up my old coat to be mended. I thought at first I could not do without it long enough, but it is so bad it cant be worn. I hate to wear my best one all out; there is no wear in't. I wish I had a night-cap made of network, would such a thing be possible? A silk one would be too warm, but my hair troubles me [illegible]

Cant Elijah get a school over Pleasant river? Chadburn thought he could. Try. if not too late.

Wed. eve. Mr. Sherburne of Milo is here tonight, & I can send this up by him. He tells me Elijah is keeping school over to his place. I am glad of it; guess he will do well: it is a very small pleasant school, if Bill Martin dont go; If he will learn those Newcomb girls anything more he ought to have a pension. I will consider his reputation established as a teacher. Let him take all pains. Pity he cant write. Write me all about it.

I believe I shall send up my old coat by Mr. S. & have it mended if it can be, so that I can wear it some this winter. I need something to wear or I shall wear my other all out. Just patch it any way, I don't care much how it looks. I hope you will send down the boots soon, & some books. F. C. Book. S. & C. Arithmetics. I have a class of 7 in Bailey's Algebra. I guess the Writing school will be a slim concern; it has not begun yet.
I shall send up a bit of letter to Eliab. The Tape is for those bosom strings.
I have got my new boot mended

Mrs. A. M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

Isaac
Dec. 14th 1844.
Bangor

Topsham, Jan. 17th, 1845

Dear Mother,

I received your last welcome letter last week, several days since; and was, as usual very much gratified with it. The news too was exactly what I wanted to hear, and not, as you suggested, what I had heard before from any of the Bangor "brethren".

It is now some little time since I have heard from Bangor at all, and when they do write, they write very little news, most of them. Joseph is (a very good prompt correspondent, and his letters are always really valuable ones, but they are always filled with all sorts of Philosophy, scientific & metaphysic Speculation and disquisition, interspersed with his peculiar dryness of satire, but usually very studiously refraining from all fact & news.

Eliab hardly writes at all. I really wish he would, I want much to be better aquainted with him. Lucy has written to me once since she has been in Bangor. Anne wrote me a beautiful letter as, and indeed containing a New Year's Gift.

You thought my journey must have been very fatiguing. I do not know, but it was. I was very sleepy for a couple of days, but I think have felt better for it ever since. About a fortnight ago we had quite a little fire here one night. I worked pretty hard at it for a couple of hours; got pretty wet thoroughly &c.; but never took cold, and it really did me good; have felt better ever since.

I am very glad you like "Proverbial Philosophy" so well. I knew you would. It is a book too that, like the Book of books, you will continue to like better and better, the more you read it. No one need be afraid of wearing it out.

I should think you must miss Lucy much at Milo; but if you can get along without her, I am much rejoiced that she can be at Bangor.

Quite an idea that of the Rum Seller party at Bangor threatening Eliab! Let him go ahead. I guess he need not be much alarmed on that score; or rather perhaps you for him. But let him be careful and not let him stoop himself to any unworthy, to any 'low' means, any thing under the true gentleman. "The end does not justify the means, in man ners as in morals."

You say "James delights in hectoring Jane" "as I did Joseph"! Did I ever though? Did not he hector me more? How far have the young ones got in their studies? Does Fanny learn

quick — make a good scholar? You know she is a great favorite of mine. I should really like to see both of the little humanities.

What is the reason that hay is so very low? Just when he happens to have some to sell.

My five months of School will be out in two weeks longer. The College Spring term commences in four weeks. I may teach right on these two weeks and may not. If I do not, it would be extremely pleasant for me to take a trip down East, about as far as Bangor & Milo, in all respects except the $10, or 12, dollars of expenses. However I suppose I shall need the time enough to make up my Fall term Studies, write themes &c. Some of my Class who have been ~~studying~~ teaching, have ~~been~~ given up their Schools already, and gone to studying, to prepare for the final contest. However, I have given up all idea of any struggle for the rank. Circumstances prevent it entirely in my case. So I do not care so much.

Jan. ~~16th~~ 18th. I received to day letters from Bangor, Joseph & Lucy. Joseph's was as usual. The nearest approach to any news there was in it, was the following answer to my question as to a protest by a Boston Bank of a bill on Tilson & Metcalf, the back of which was wrapper to his previous letter. "I wood meat thy question with another, what business is that of yours?" !!! Lucy wrote but little, complained of being time wholly occupied. Not a word from Eliab or of Eliab in these!

The only apology I have for writing so soon after receiving yours is that I always get so tired of waiting for letters from you, so long as I am obliged to usually.

Affectionately S.J.

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Box 2.

Mrs. Annie M. Metcalf
Milo, Maine

S.J. Metcalf
Jan 11 '44

Of whom, or how shall I borrow $100.00 next August or sooner, to get me out of College, and pay up my bills. I mean to get through, under that without taking any part, but it is getting along cheap to extreme, and with much self denial, especially books & every thing.

[illegible] Sat. May 3d, 1845

Dear Mother,

Received your last excellent letter a little more than a week ago, and yesterday, I guess, [illegible] a long letter the next day, and directed it to Joseph at [illegible]. I intended to [illegible] paper this week, and direct to Elijah at [illegible] Bangor, but I have been rather busy [illegible], and [illegible] late. I also have a chance to send to Bangor, first of next week, by [illegible] Mich [illegible] one of our [illegible] who is going home at that time. So I [illegible] improve the opportunity by sending some things to Eliot and he may find [illegible] [illegible], for [illegible] by the way, Vacation commences a fortnight from next Thursday, being after the third Wed. of May, or May 22d. Then Vacation is two weeks, or until June 5th [illegible], recitations commence 9th. Now, if you wish to send letters or anything to me at about that time, just bear it in mind, I tell you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible], I [illegible] on the [illegible].

I hardly know what to think about Eliot, or [illegible] his new situation. By the way, I guess I was partly the means of his getting the place. You know I went to [illegible] Bangor last [illegible] before

[illegible] ; and [illegible]
[illegible]. Mr. Brown was not at home, but Mrs. Brown was
very pleasant, and I had some conversation with Frank,
[illegible] Dick, and talked about [illegible], and what
he wanted to do with himself. Frank, I guess is
a pretty good sort of a fellow, for a city chap; much
better than Ed. at any rate. [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], and [illegible]; but [illegible]
[illegible] ; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] give much
of the [illegible] of his [illegible] [illegible] to Mr Hitch. [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] was much [illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] extensive, and [illegible] it all [illegible], [illegible] bad [illegible]
[illegible], with [illegible], you may imagine.
I think very possible that his injudicious course may have had a bad
[illegible] of a [illegible], [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] pretty [illegible], though he [illegible] the [illegible] Hall &c.
[illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible] going [illegible]
[illegible] has got a very good situation indeed. [illegible] it is
[illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] good [illegible]
[illegible] Mr. Mrs. Brown is an excellent woman, and
[illegible]
Frank is certainly a very smart business fellow, & well liked. What
his influence [illegible] I know not. I am [illegible] afraid for
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
I don't know as we ought to distrust his ability to meet temptation.
He certainly ought to be well fortified with good principles, though his natu-
ral stability of character may be less than Joseph's or mine at his age.

[illegible] I wrote you something of the State of religion here. I
did to Joseph. The Blessed Spirit of God has indeed been again be-
stowed upon Bowdoin College, in some measure, and when we consider
the state of those within its walls who have professed Christ, we can only
wonder that so much has been done. There has been no excitement,
and but little said upon the subject, but the silent influence of the Spirit has
been working upon the minds of some. Some four or five of our class
it is hoped have experienced a change of heart, and several of the
other classes. The best part of the students too, those who stand high.
The state of religion has been very low. for some time the number of
professing christians has been very small in comparison, and worse yet
religion with them, little more than a name. Religion seemed to be
left off, or thrown aside when men got to college as belonging somewhere
else. It was the case with those of best education & principles, even those
of whom there are usually many, who are preparing for the ministry.
The last [illegible] came back this spring.
[illegible], a wild [illegible] last fall who had been converted in vacation, had yet
[illegible], a christian. It was whispered that several were serious.
A letter was received from the students at Bangor, most of whom you
know go from here, several number last fall, they had heard of the state of things here.
were anxious about it, had appointed special prayer meetings, and desired
concert with the circle here. It was astonishing to see the apathy here.
A motion was made to set apart the hour for special prayer, but the only effect
was a long discussion when it should be, & nothing was done.!
I could not help thinking even then that [illegible] the Holy Spirit [illegible]
[illegible] here, it must be seemingly almost
in spite of those who ought to instruments in the work.
Oh how much was the influence of God's Spirit needed here! How much
is it still needed! How far was I from God, if indeed I had [illegible]

known his way! Certainly for months I had not prayed one sincere prayer to God! If I was ever a Christian how unworthily I lived, and how far I had wandered. I lived in an irreligious family last winter, and was in truth as irreligious as they, and continued so after I came here, even while those around me, my own class mates too, were mourning for their sins, and yielded their hearts to God.

As I hope, God has graciously granted his Spirit again unto me. How justly might he have cast me off forever! I had crucified the Son of God afresh & put him to an open shame. His face was hid from me. I believe I have been enabled however in some degree to take hold by faith of Jesus Christ as saving those who will come unto him.

Apr. 21 or 2d My fears were removed. I was happy. Since then I have neglected prayer, and again been miserable. Pray for me.

Old Dr [illegible] [illegible], our [illegible] father, was here a little while ago, preached [illegible] last April 27th, a [illegible] great sermon, [illegible] day. I [illegible] but I can not say that I liked him above every thing else. Mr Adams, our minister is considered a great preacher & he certainly writes excellent sermons, but his [illegible] is not over interesting, & I don't like him overmuch. I would give more I believe for good plain honest Wooster Parker. Mr Adams exchanges frequently, often with Mr Palmer of Bath, who is a very agreeable preacher. The Professors very rarely, if ever preach here, and the President I guess never. He did lecture to the students one [illegible] night this term, and every body went to hear him, but [illegible] [illegible] rather [illegible], & perhaps needs to [illegible] himself up as well as the Students.

It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] upon the mass of students here, go into the Chapel for instance crowded with 150 of them, and consider the amount of mind of intellect there collected, and what active mind too,

these 150 students think about as much in one day, as 150 average men through the country do in one year; and then to think ~~that~~ of the influence they must have, that in a few years these minds must lead in life & rule other minds; [illegible] at the little [illegible] in them as a Class. [illegible] are exposed to many and peculiar temptations; [illegible], No man can [illegible] his [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] upon them, [illegible] perhaps [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them; in fact [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It is [illegible] that an [illegible] [illegible] has not been alone [illegible] much there [illegible] [illegible], but [illegible] students used to [illegible] intoxicated at all times. [illegible] [illegible] about it, [illegible] it [illegible], it must have been known [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Character of the [illegible] [illegible] Young men come here [illegible] the best families, of good character, and in [illegible] months [illegible] [illegible] by being [illegible]. [illegible] last all, Commencement, I saw more than one or two of my old Classmates, from the [illegible] families in Bangor, intoxicated. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] temperance [illegible] the President [illegible] [illegible] to influence the students. His influence before had been bad. [illegible] [illegible] at his house. [illegible] [illegible] time, and [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] drunk, [illegible] day, [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] splendid [illegible] in every respect. [illegible]
[illegible] ([illegible] and [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]) [illegible] in a body of
[illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible] ([illegible]. The Chapel is going ahead
[illegible] suppose it [illegible] the most elegant building of the
[illegible] throughout. [illegible] long, [illegible] wide, [illegible]
[illegible] in front 15 feet high. [illegible] & then taper with gothic
[illegible]. The [illegible] & back [illegible] the three library rooms, each
[illegible] the Chapel [illegible] in the middle [illegible] room, is [illegible] long,
[illegible] wide, and [illegible] high, magnificently lighted [illegible]
[illegible] stained [illegible] libraries.
[illegible] and [illegible],) [illegible]
[illegible] building. It [illegible] extravagant, but [illegible]
) the libraries [illegible], [illegible] will be building for [illegible].
[illegible] old Church [illegible], and [illegible] up [illegible]
[illegible] will be a splendid building also, wood; but planned [illegible] the same
[illegible]. The [illegible] meeting [illegible] in an old [illegible] down town.

[illegible] got $3,11 by sawing wood, I shall have I guess $1, [illegible]
[illegible] Recitation Room, & I have $5, [illegible]. [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] immediately) a [illegible] this [illegible].
[illegible] till the beginning of next term will be nearly $15, [illegible]
Board [illegible]) study), [illegible]
Postage &c. some $5, or 10,00, all [illegible] paid [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] bill, [illegible] some $15, [illegible] or more, can [illegible].
[illegible] or any [illegible] can send me a $10, bill [illegible]

[illegible] treat [illegible] can [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] term &
[illegible] some money before the next spring.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ or ~~[illegible]~~ pretty good place to [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] but most do not learn more at College in a year than [illegible] six months at an Academy, and the [illegible]
[illegible] elsewhere. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Old Swan. Charles, why don't you crow about those [illegible]
[illegible] think it are well enough, and more than I need.
[illegible] I have [illegible] more, I want a pair of nice ones, well made [illegible] with stylish fashionable linen bosoms to them, all in shape; [illegible] on [illegible], but [illegible] if you [illegible]
[illegible] & I have shirts enough [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible] the town [illegible]
I understand that [illegible] is going [illegible] to Europe.

[illegible]

[illegible], [illegible], and [illegible]

I'saac May 3d
1845
Bowd

[illegible]
Milo
Maine

[illegible] 1849

Dear [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] it [illegible] at [illegible] the good, well filled letter from home, which, you may be assured, did me good, like a medicine, [illegible] like [illegible] better [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] the continuance of [illegible], perhaps better yet, [illegible] letters from home.

The letters [illegible] filled [illegible] variety of [illegible] and interesting matter, [illegible] you all [illegible], and hope you will all con [illegible] in writing. I [illegible] intending to [illegible] a couple of letters in answer to yours, but [illegible] happened to have some [illegible] paper [illegible] me [illegible] writing a letter on a sheet of it, partly for the [illegible] of it, and [illegible] upon Uncle Sam, whom I would like to get out of $500.00, [illegible] out of the Post Office Department, before July.

[illegible] I intended to have covered up some paper like this to [illegible], when [illegible] you to write [illegible] to me again.

[illegible] my studies pretty [illegible] the Greek at least. My [illegible] just [illegible] and really seems to have [illegible] kind, [illegible] himself. [illegible] a most terrible temptation [illegible] person who has the taste [illegible] formed [illegible].
To be so surrounded with them in [illegible], [illegible] library, of kinds, & all authors, really requires [illegible] command [illegible] them and [illegible] nothing else but [illegible] it, get drunk, he [illegible] it, and read [illegible] night [illegible] read no more [illegible] thing for a long time, [illegible] not having an command over my [illegible] just [illegible], and that there are [illegible] who have the power to govern themselves [illegible] in this respect as I can especially whose natural disposition inclines them [illegible] that direction. [illegible] if I begin a story of any kind, [illegible] like to [illegible] it, [illegible] by the [illegible] and never look at them. [illegible] have a [illegible] such things in this room [illegible] just as little such things [illegible] especially when [illegible] studying, [illegible] not read much at all yet this term, but intend to [illegible] thoroughly [illegible] to read a good deal, [illegible] to read much better than [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] whether they have [illegible] acted upon it [illegible] yet. I have
[illegible] up my mind [illegible] [illegible] though, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pay it.
[illegible] charged me in all [illegible] last year; $24,00 for the tuition, never [illegible],
and [illegible] the usual charges, [illegible] the Commencement dinner, [illegible] char-
[illegible] (in [illegible]) term bill $1,50 [illegible], being $1,50 per year, or $6,00 in all [illegible] Commencement
dinners, and then one is never allowed to partake of it, or even look at it until after he
graduates, and [illegible] wanting it; though from that time henceforth & forever,
or [illegible] [illegible] of the age of Methusalah, he is entitled to a seat every
year at [illegible] public dinner on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]!!! They also [illegible] me
[illegible] the usual charge for [illegible] Prof. Cleaveland's Chemical lectures,
which [illegible] [illegible] allowed to attend until their junior year.
[illegible] [illegible] with the intention that [illegible] shall never pay it at any
rate, I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] so, without any very serious violence to my
feelings; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] shall be [illegible] go.
I have not given them my bond, as the law directs; and most certainly
[illegible] until this [illegible] of the term bill is satisfactorily adjusted.
[illegible] [illegible] term bill, and have got about $6,00 now
[illegible] [illegible] about $1,00, [illegible] for taking care of the fire in one
of the recitation rooms this term, and probably $[illegible] or [illegible] for sawing wood
in the college yard. On the other hand I must soon have some kind of a [illegible]
coat, a pair of shoes, (my boots are about gone) & something to wear on my head.
The rest of my "last term bill [illegible] [illegible] pay is about $[illegible], the next
will be $15, or 18,00 and my board bill which must be paid at beginning of
~~the next~~ term about [illegible] [illegible]. In addition I shall be obliged to [illegible]
new books before long, catalogues, postage, mending &c. I want some more furniture
much, a desk or some such thing.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anniversaries; the Athenaean on the [illegible] March
Oration by [illegible] Butler, subject "Truth," was super excellent, the best thing I
have heard [illegible] [illegible], about an hour long, but no one got tired, or
would if longer. [illegible] said to be [illegible] about the best writer who was
ever here, which, you know, is [illegible] considerable [illegible] some of the best writers in the coun-
try have graduated here. The Poem was by Charles Phelps Roberts, of Bangor,
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with the Oration. I don't think that
~~[illegible]~~ Roberts has improved [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] too much
a rowdy. I should not [illegible] [illegible] had improved the most since then, considering
that I could not write at all then, and he was a good writer.
The Peucinian Anniversary was on the 2d of April. Oration by William Loring Hall
of Belfast, Modern [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] of [illegible]. It was pretty good, but not
to be compared to Butler's. The Peucinian Poet, George Henry Kingsbury was sick,
they waited two or three weeks and then had to procure a substitute. As there was no other
[illegible] in the Society who [illegible] to cultivate the Muse, they got Rev. Elijah Kellogg of
Harpswell, the Sailor Minister, a former member of the Society, who gave a most splen-
did poem, very superior, and much admired, by all.

[illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible]
cies &c. and so was deprived of the pleasure of being at the supper which is a principal part of each anniversary. After the Oration, you see, at 4 o'clock, they adjourn to the Commons Hall, ... [illegible] ... supper ... and the evening ... [illegible] with toasts, speeches ... [illegible] ... flow of soul.

I was regularly initiated as a Member of the Theological Society of B... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... is of little importance compared with the others, though it has a small library, and meets nominally once a fortnight, for discussions & reading dissertations on theological subjects &c. and it contains many good members. Its object is the promotion of ... [illegible]. Its charges are $1 ... initiation fee, and $2 per term tax, besides fines. The Initiation fee of the ... [illegible] is $ ... and tax $ ... [illegible] ..., besides a subscription.

The Medical Class this spring is called a very good one, numbers ... [illegible]. Joseph Hatch, ... [illegible] ... is here, I see him once in a while. He and three other young doctors ... [illegible] ... fellows, ... [illegible] ... room together, all in one room ... with two beds in it and a chair ... down town. I have been into their room once or twice, they seem to be good steady ... fellows & quite ... acquaintances. This Joseph Hatch is not so much of a man to look at as either Asa or James, looks like them both though.

I have been into one of the Medical lectures once only, it was by ... [illegible] ..., a pale, intellectual looking, rather young man, and was upon the ... [illegible] ... of Physicians especially towards one another. The way he talked about doctors quarreling ... want any compliment to the profession! It was a very good lecture.

I never have been into the dissecting rooms, I have smelt them enough though, they ... our folks go in, Alpheus went in t'other day, did not get over it all day. They have a good many subjects this spring, brought from Baltimore, mostly colored.

The Ch... [illegible] ... meeting is to be ... [illegible] ... down town and a new one built ... [illegible]. Last Sabbath Dr Adams gave notice that ... [illegible] ... by the last time they should worship in that house, and the students demonstrated their approbation by really almost clapping or stamping in the church some of them. Some pretended to say ... it was the greatest expression of ... [illegible] ... that Dr Adams ever received from the students. And ... [illegible] ... they ... not quite so much to blame, when we consider the miserable accommodation, they have there in the old church ... 150 or 180 of them crowded together, in that little miserable gallery, on such hard seats.

Apr. 6th Today Mr Adams preached his farewell sermon to the old House. It was somewhat historical. It appears that this church is a century and a quarter old, the first meeting house was built in 17..; In 17.. the first regular minister was settled Robert Dunlap, a Scotchman, educated at Edinburg, and ... [illegible] ... the Bible that he used in the pulpit was shown, also ... [illegible] ... Brunswick. The ... was built in 1806, and the first use of it was ... [illegible] ... before it was finished. It was then considered a very ... [illegible] ... Commencement, ... [illegible]. It has been preached in more than 2000 Sabbaths, and a thousand young men have received their degrees in it, and gone forth to the world. Mr Adams was settled in 18.. . It must be a very long church. ... [illegible] ... and had been for years, more than double the ... of families ... [illegible] ... could not go to meeting ... for lack of seat. I do not wonder they wanted a new house, and finally concluded to build one. They will probably have a splendid one. ... on the same spot with the old one, and meanwhile, ... these ... we shall have to attend meeting in the ... a great old barn like building ... The matter, the manner, or the writing ... are ... nothing ... but I think the ... commend it in your ... it surely would in mine if I could receive such from home occasionally. The next ... would be such an one as Lucy wrote the last, that was ... a well filled letter, for which I am very much obliged to her, and take the opportunity to beg that she will repeat the favor and that frequently. Also Joseph and all the rest of you. ... [illegible] ... importance of writing to him, the benefit it would be to him. ... that you ought to take time and write good long letters ...

[illegible] really. [illegible]
[illegible] and commence the lesson,
[illegible] word for word, but the ideas
[illegible] questioning or prompting
[illegible] stop, and another one called
[illegible] it up and go on with it in
[illegible] is really [illegible]
[illegible] to commit [illegible]
[illegible] memory. [illegible]
[illegible] 12 pages [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] next
[illegible]. My next neighbor, [illegible]
[illegible], a smart fellow too, and fine scholar
he has been teaching one of the principal pub-
lic schools in Hallowell for two years and a
[illegible] summer & winter, and has acquired a fine
reputation there. While he has been there
he has [illegible] College and studied
the four terms in advance out of College
[illegible] teaching that school
As I was saying this great Mason, and
[illegible] a lesson, studies on that
[illegible] 5 hours hard [illegible]
and then can not hardly make it [illegible]
right. I [illegible] it rarely two hours
oftener an hour or even half, and al-
ways 'sail' [illegible] as yet.

In connection with the Rhetoric, we
[illegible] upon the writing of themes. We have
commenced by forming as a separate ex-
ercise [illegible] plans or skeletons of themes
[illegible]. This is really a harder business to
make [illegible] connected plan or system than
to write a theme itself.
[illegible] we have never so much
as written a theme, so that I stand a better chance
among them, by the way Tutor complimented
my plan last week.

[illegible]

Miss [illegible]
Milo
Maine

Single

Paid

I am much [illegible] for the [illegible] temperance [illegible] have received. [illegible]

That [illegible] probably [illegible] than a scholar [illegible] this summer [illegible] in this respect.

[illegible] Maggie [illegible]

Bowd. Coll. Brunswick. May 15th 1845

I received a letter [illegible] this morning [illegible] I
[illegible] was glad, although I might have wished that you
had answered mine first. I wanted your advice about going
to [illegible]. The [illegible] bill was very acceptable, although I
do not want to use it till next term begins. The beginning
of the term is our [illegible] paying day now, you know.
It is much too bad to take so much of Father's money. Girls have
enough to do to earn their own money. However I will try
to repay it this fall, if I can find any way to earn money.
[illegible] letter to [illegible] at Bangor, by [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] and you can send the [illegible] to him in the [illegible] if you
[illegible], and get it to Bangor to [illegible].
[illegible]
about going up to [illegible] in the Vacation. I can go to [illegible]
[illegible] night [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]. Walk to [illegible], and from there the [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]. It is [illegible], [illegible]
that [illegible], which, if [illegible]
[illegible] I could get enough [illegible] there to pay the expenses.
[illegible] kind of [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]. It is [illegible]
and I have been [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible]
kind [illegible], [illegible] book,
it would be much cheaper to get them.
[illegible]
[illegible] 1.50, [illegible] &c.

[illegible] D.[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] $19,88, besides which I should [illegible]
about $[illegible] [illegible] building fire and [illegible] a [illegible] room,
if I can get it. It is the rule and the custom to put
that on the term bill, but you see I don't want to pay
my term bill yet awhile. So I shall make a point of
to get the room rent put in term bill still! If you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] on my last term
bill [illegible]. This is all I [illegible] to pay of it.
My last [illegible] term bill was $47,00. being about
$[illegible],00 [illegible] and $26,25 for last year.
I paid $[illegible] [illegible], and petitioned to have the $6,00 [illegible]
[illegible]. I don't know what action or conclusion they
have made upon the request, or what they will do about it.
I know one thing, that is I never shall pay it, without
they [illegible] it out of me, at least. One thing, I have never
given them a [illegible], nor been matriculated, neither do
I mean to. I don't intend to care any more about them
or care any more about [illegible], than they care about me
[illegible] my [illegible]. [illegible], fast [illegible]!
They take the $26,[illegible], [illegible] they [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] they can keep it.
[illegible] ([illegible]) [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
The [illegible] of College [illegible] hardly what they are cracked up.
[illegible] [illegible] the libraries.
A great part of the students [illegible] discipline [illegible]
[illegible]. Every thing is [illegible].

I must tell you that [illegible] write very particularly lately.
I [illegible] you a good deal of news. Your two last letters were not
very well filled up. What is the matter of Sister [illegible] about
writing? [illegible] either in old trick with the rest of you!
I [illegible] a splendid letter from [illegible] week. I sent him
an apology for my remarks on letter writing.
If he [illegible] in that respect, he must not
take it so hard. I shall write to him, as soon as he [illegible] his
[illegible]. I suppose he will not stay at home.
I [illegible] particularly. You don't [illegible]
[illegible] about any thing [illegible] at home.
[illegible] and [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible] I should think the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] enough. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] my mind. [illegible]
[illegible] it.
[illegible]
[illegible] application [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] particularly Isaac

Isaac May 18
1845
Paid

Metcalf

Maine

[illegible] he missed [illegible]

[illegible] Church [illegible] Street, [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] place his name was, [illegible] preacher, about as smart a [illegible]

[illegible] Hill. His called [illegible] known the greatest pulpit Orator in [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] celebrated Mr Kirk, [illegible]

[illegible] mighty powers [illegible] thought the [illegible]

[illegible] centre. There are [illegible]

[illegible] by the Hon. Mr. Benjamin H. [illegible]

pew; and his little [illegible] the hand and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible], and

Temple and heard [illegible] Beecher of Cincinnati address young men upon the [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

not know how many thousands of people it can accommodate [illegible] above

[illegible] below and around him, [illegible] behind, and on all sides. [illegible]

[illegible] one [illegible]

[illegible] twice as much for this [illegible] a seat. However [illegible] began [illegible]

[illegible] evening [illegible]

[illegible] though [illegible]

[illegible], that we [illegible]. Neither he, nor Mr Kirk, nor the [illegible]

books on [illegible]. Here they are to Mt. [illegible] Church with [illegible] Hill.

[illegible] go to [illegible] Church in Salem Street.

[illegible]

[illegible] I attended the Exhibit [illegible]

"Tis [illegible]

Single
12½

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

Paid

Bowd. Coll. June 1845

Dear Mother

I suppose you have received a letter from me since you wrote last, although I have since received two or three letters from Bangor, one of which was partly written by you.

After receiving those letters from Bangor at the beginning of the term, I wrote one and directed to Joseph about a week ago, June 13th, I concluded then that I would mail no more letters until after July 1st. Perhaps I shall not send this till then. It will do no harm to have some letters written before hand ready to send. By the way, as postage will then be less than half as much, it will be well to write about twice as many letters. I hope you will bear this suggestion in mind, all of you at home, and write to me.

I am getting along pretty comfortably this term, so far.

The principal excitement has been about our College Societies. I am an Athenaean. My Chum & I, you remember, arrived here one day too late to join last term. I suppose I was rather prejudiced in favor of the Athenaean when I came here; at least Mr Cash was an Athenaean and most of my old acquaintances. But the best part of our Class are Peucinians, I got perhaps the most acquainted with Peucinians & liked them best. In some respects the Peucinian has the advantage; it is the oldest Society, and its graduate members are probably more influential a though perhaps hardly so public spirited. I was extremely puzzled to decide.

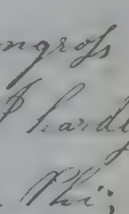
My Chum was also Athenaean when he came here, and came from Waterville, but he by immense fishing was finally coaxed off & joined Peucinians though he did not decide till the very day. We made a fine excitement I assure you; two such members are not found every day, even here, and you can hardly conceive the interest felt and the efforts made to get us into either Society.

I hardly know as I was wise in joining as I did, & very possibly if my Chum had been Ath. I should have, and been as well suited, though of course I never told so.

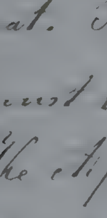
One thing I may have thought of, though I certainly never made it a motive, and all who know me know I am not ambitious; the best part of our class happens to be Peucinian, consequently the Athenaean has the best chance for the Society honors. Such things are worth something; the reputation of having been President, Orator, or Poet, of one of these Societies is valuable to any young man. People may disclaim it, as it is the custom to do, as much as they please, but there is no one who stands any chance, who does not think of these things. After all the Secret Societies engross greatest part of the interest, as well as wield the influence in College. I hardly know what to do about them. There are four here. ΑΔΦ, Alpha Delta Phi; ΨΥ, Psi Upsilon; Ψ̶Χ or ΧΨ, Chi Psi; and ΚΔΕ, Kappa Delta Epsilon.

They are literary societies, their literary advantages are said to be considerable. They have rooms fitted up in style for their meetings, all kept secret. The members are bound together by the closest ties of brotherhood, support & aid one another. In the Societies they all vote & act together & every where. Their influence, concerted as it is, is of course great. I expect they rule most every thing here, though where there are so many of them there must be much cross pulling of wires; they can't all have their way, in every thing.

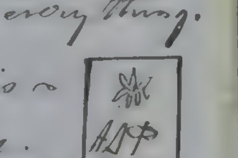
The Alpha Delta Phi is the oldest, formed 1832, Introduced here 1841. Its pin is a



Each one you see has a peculiar breastpin which is its badge. The next is the Psi Upsi which is nowadays much the most popular, partly for its pin which is very beautiful. Mr Bush belongs to it. The pin is diamond shaped Ψ above & Υ below with a pair of clasped hands between.



Then the Chi Psi, the pin of which is just a cypher of the two Greek letters joined, one gold, and the other inlaid with black, rather odd and rather pretty



but I don't like the character of some of the members; some rowdies though also some professors of religion. Some Bangor fellows belong to it. Wm Pond probably will. it was founded last year. The other is still more lately formed. The pin is same shape as Psi Upsilon, but with an open scroll in the

June 27th. As I don't intend to send my letter to you till after the new post office law goes into operation, I guess I will make trial of it & see how much paper it takes to weigh half an ounce. This is rather thick heavy paper, but I reckon that one & a half sheets will pass.

I feel a great respect for uncle Sam, now he has diminished his way fares, and mean to patronise him some by writing letters, and hope others will do the same by writing to me, after July 1st. I believe every body is determined to wait till then, as I do not receive any letters lately from any one.

As for that tax against me in Milo, I hope Charles has not paid it. I think it can never be collected, nor was rightfully assessed. I don't know but they could collect a tax of me now, though it would be rather a mean trick, and is never done of students, but they could not then. My home for all legal purposes was then at Foxcroft, and no where else. I was over 21, lived there, engaged in business there, received wages there; if I had not a residence there, a young man can not have until he becomes a landholder somewhere.

Now my residence is not here. A student's never is at College. I suppose I must have one somewhere; but I think it would be hard to prove whether mine was at Milo or Foxcroft or Bangor now, I guess it would go back to Foxcroft even now in law; it was the last place I have been in any settled business I guess. At any rate, it would be a small business to assess a tax against me any where.

Mother seems to have understood me that study was irksome to me. I don't think it is. I like to study as well as others at least. I had got rather worn out I'll own to be sure, the term was very long & I did not have any vacation at August. I had no week out in vacation and now ... much ... study ... any thing else. ... I think ... indeed that a liberal education would have made people more good than myself. But at ... my mind is not so disciplined as to ... it & ... upon

any thing. I can pay as close attention to any thing, or learn any thing as quick as most any one can, but I lack the energy of will to confine myself [illegible] one thing for hour after hour, or day after day. There is a constitu[illegible] [illegible] between Joseph & me. Eliab is still different. I think he has [illegible] more natural talent than either Joseph or I, but I do not think that all the training in the world could ever make him half so great a man as Joseph might have been, with suitable advantages of education.

My next door classmate will sit down and bore right into a lesson steady for three, four, or five hours right off without flinching or weariness of mind. If I do the same in one hour, I do well, like most every else. But very likely I should get the [illegible] in one hour that he would in three. — Still this iron energy of will, this indefatigable property of mind, with physical constitution to support it, is invaluable. It is the stuff to make great men of. The natural capacity of mind has very little to do with ultimate success. The mind, any mind, is sufficiently capable [illegible] cultivation and improvement, indefinitely capable; for success it requires only the power of application and perseverance of mind, supported by a sufficient physical constitution. I don't think I am naturally deficient in any of these things, and I [illegible] that with an equal chance and without disadvantages I might have been [illegible] to take a rank in my class, but entering here as I did, with my whole preparatory studies four years old, and two thirds forgot, and the studies of the freshman year half learned in 4 or 5 or 3 months, I could not expect to be as very thorough scholar, or to take rank, even if I tried to, over those with so many advantages over me. Still I believe my standing in my class, which is a very good one, is respectable. I am certainly among the best Mathematicians in the class and [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] any thing. Not to say enough that I should [illegible] be if others were what they might be. There are very few College students who [illegible] such improvement of their advantages here as they might; in fact it is not to be expected that they would where they can get along so easily with so little study as [illegible] can here if they chose. It is not very often that the really talented fellows, and there are many such here, take the rank or the highest stand in College. It is the [illegible] minds usually, but patient, persevering, frequently unpopular with their [illegible] sometimes one in a thousand, impelled by a principle of duty, usually Ambition.

I cannot say that I should not like right well to take a Junior part, or an Oration when I graduate, if I can do, or be President or Orator of a College [illegible] next year [illegible] still I hardly think that my Ambition will ever have [illegible] [illegible] upon my efforts, or influence my actions in any great degree [illegible] [illegible] that it does others. I suppose it ought to more.

[illegible] you [illegible], [illegible] what is going on, you do not know how [illegible] good it seems to hear from home. Tell me what to do, what shall I do this fall. [illegible] I must stay out if [illegible] a school any where. You [illegible] [illegible] I hate to think of how much good it would do me to stay in many respects. If I [illegible] could get [illegible] [illegible] me out, [illegible] these two years [illegible] to day. [illegible] two hundred dollars [illegible] I [illegible] I could [illegible] my

middle, and the name of the college to which one belongs at the bottom. This has perhaps full as much of a religious character as any of them, and will probably be a very good society but it is young, & having the last choice I dont think it has the best members in this college yet. I am strongly solicited to join it and dont know but I had better, if there is no chance of an election to the Psi Upsilon. If I had come here a little better dressed last fall I think I might have joined which I chose. The estimation of one will depend some on that you know. You may call the whole matter foolish, but it is about necessary to join some one; about every decent fellow in the class does, and one does not feel well left alone, besides it may be thought you did'nt because could'nt, which imputation would be by no means favorable to one's character for scholarship &c. Their advantages too are not to be despised. besides here, they furnish one with friends. There are branches in all our colleges, and it is worth something to be recogni[zed as a] brother wherever you are among literary or educated men

The badges ~~cost~~ $5,00 & the expenses are something besides probably. 2,00 initiation fee & taxes prob.

[Ju]ly 7th I was initiated in the Athenaean Society on June 26th. The annual election of officers of the society was on the 25th. I was elected Treasurer of the society for the ensuing year. It is an office of more care than dignity. I did not want to hold office this year, but could not get rid of it. The officers in our class, Sec. Treas. Second Com. Lib. & Ed. are of course not very honorable, though [illegible] some want them. Sec. is the best. One thing, the Treas. who keeps the accounts & collects the fees & taxes, is excused from all dues himself to the Soc. One other thing, it is the custom for the officers elect to furnish a supper or treat, or what ever called, to the society, at Commons hall, Fruit, nuts, Cakes &c, & Lemonade, with toasts, & speeches till 11 o'clock. Whole expence being some 25,00 to 50,00. but divided among some 15 persons, comes not heavy on one, especially so, as the Officers of the upper class pay higher. [illegible] only 1,00 each. [illegible] 3,00 or 5,00, [illegible]

I have had to spend $3,00 for books this term, but I mean to sell some at the end [illegible] We are most [illegible] you see

This as you will see is a letter I received from Isaac last mail [illegible] not much time to write [illegible] Eleven o'clock I dont [illegible]
[illegible] to tell you [illegible] you can imagine all
[illegible] I could tell [illegible]
[illegible] pieces and made [illegible] you can [illegible]
you can do it in your [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] to wear it besides [illegible] you [illegible]
I intended to do it [illegible] before I sent it [illegible]
& I couldn't very well do it [illegible] a great long letter [illegible] everything you can think of about your school yourself and the boys no matter if it is on any [illegible] scrap of paper

you had better send this night [illegible] & any other letters from any of the boys if you have any — write as much as you have time to [illegible] about your school [illegible] good night

[illegible] E will come home with C [illegible] in a few days

I will send Isaac's [illegible] letter which you may read and send back or send it to the boys & tell them to send it back. I guess E will come home so you had better send it [illegible]

Isaac
June 1845
Bond

BRUNSWICK ME JUL 2

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Mr. Samuel M. Mitchell
Milo
Maine

Bowd. Coll. Aug. 11th. 1845

I was very much rejoiced yesterday by receiving a nice letter from Milo, from home. I had been expecting it for a long time. I have received but one letter from Milo since the term commenced I believe. I have written twelve letters since the first of July, six of them to the Brothers & Sister at Bangor. There are four or five of you all at Milo & Bangor, so as I am but one, as far as that is concerned, I must write about 5 times as much as one of you! However I have got a pretty good share of letters this summer, some 12 or 15 since the Reduction of postage. Joseph is an excellent correspondent this summer, writes about once a fortnight, and his letters are interesting too. Joseph is an original thinker rather; he always thinks for himself, and without trouble either.

It seems to me Charles is behindhand with his haying; not to begin till into August, as much as he has to do, and with only one Frenchman to help him, that I do not believe is quite as smart as some other boys have been. When I read your report of the state of affairs there, I wanted to be there dreadfully. I don't know but it is fortunate that I am obliged to be here at Commencement, or I might have been tempted to start right off home, cutting the Examination, fine of Examination, yearly review & every thing. Our Examination closes on Wednesday, Aug. 27th. I wish I could go right home after that, [illegible] would be at stopping to Commencement merely for its sake. But that official responsibility! The duties of my offices as Treasurer of the Athenæan Society & Steward of Boarding Club, so imperiously demand my stay here during Commencement week. I shall not probably be able to get [illegible]

Will not Charles want to go to Bangor about the time I shall go home? Sept 5th & 6th say? I think I shall try to walk to Portland.

[illegible] [illegible] Sept. 5th, reaching Bangor [illegible] morn, Sept. 6th by steamboat. I could not go a week earlier, I presume I should find Charles['] haying unfinished. Still it seems hardly worth the while to go home so far just for so short a time as three weeks, the vacation after Commencement, but then if I had nothing to do to earn any thing here, it would cost me more to stay here than to go home, even if I could be doing nothing. I have written to Mr Tash, had a letter from him, & answered it. He wanted me to come there this fall, but could not afford to pay much. I suppose it might be perhaps some advantage to him, or the school, to have me here, I gathered from his letter that he thought his assistance for a few terms had not been very popular. It seemed he would not have a great deal for me to do, and could not afford to pay a great deal. I concluded that it would not be best for me to [illegible] out of College [illegible] I could earn something [illegible] the while something to keep along next year as well as pay my fall bills. Since that [illegible] 15 dollars of my fall term bill would be called for whether or not I was here, in fact biggest part of the expense except my board would be just the same: and board I could probably earn here, at least I have and more too for the two terms past. I have therefore concluded to be here a while the fall term, at the beginning and long enough to get started in the German, which I want to study thoroughly. [illegible] better for me to borrow the money and do it. If I could bring back $20, [illegible] I could get along very well, though I don't see but I must have a new coat. By the way, I need dreadfully to have it before Commencement if I stay here. I have a great mind to go right to Nichols and have a [illegible] just such as I need made to order and trust Providence to get money to pay it when I come back. [illegible] 15 dolls. [illegible] not [illegible] decent. I must, at some rate, dress better the coming year. [illegible] will be better for me in many respects.

What I want now, is to get just the right sort of a Winter School, I should like one to begin as soon as Nov. 1st, so as to continue four months and then get through by the beginning of the Spring term. I ought to get as much as $25,00 or 30,00 per month this winter, especially as I do nothing this fall. Very probably ~~I shall not get more than $20, though.~~
I am not quite so well off as some, about being acquainted with good schools, where they pay high wages. Perhaps I could get a school at Bangor, but those schools are not long enough, nor high enough.
I sent Joseph a long account of the Masonic ceremonies at the laying the Cornerstone of King's Chapel here, July 16th, you will find it in [illegible].
Did Charles make a good trade in steers? Will his beef sell well, for money?
I am afraid that Charles does not begin early enough with that red Colt, to give her her own way enough at first. That is what I believe in.
Where does Almeda get her money to hire haying? I wish I could work.
It provokes me the idea of such bills as $8,00 or 10,00 to be for Mischief & expenses of Cattle. It is too bad. One thing Crosby is not a very good neighbor, or with the occasion ought not to be. Such bills as that must be most ruinous to a farmer.
Mr Small was here a while ago. He went State conference at Fryeburg then to the White Mountains, stopped a week or two at Topsham on way back. He called over to the College once, I would have called over there, but I hardly knew the way, and I thought he did not invite very heartily.
Our Class books for Junior year cost very high, some 20,00 or 25, new. 4 or 5 of the books cost 3, or 4, dolls apiece. I have bought considerable part of them, second hand very cheap. All will cost me not more than 7, to 9,
I am going to change my roommate for next year.
I hope you will write again soon, early next week so that I could write before I go home if necessary. What shall I do for a winter School?
Aff. Isaac

Isaac
Aug 10th 1845
Bowd

Miss Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

BRUNSWICK
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Bowd. College. Aug. 20th, 1845

Dear Mother

I want your advice very much just now. You know I had concluded to go home this coming vacation and come back and be here part of the fall term, whether or no. There are many reasons why I should, as I believe I wrote to you, a week or two ago.

Well. I have an offer of a chance of a school this fall. It is in Turner, about 25 or 30 miles from here. a high school, paid by a fund belonging to the town, so there is no trouble collecting it. School is, as I understand limited to 50, none under 12 or over 21, of age. Wages $20,00 per month School three months long = $60,00

The wages is too low. I wrote once $25,00, but had a letter today that said $20,00 again.

I don't know what to do about it hardly. It certainly is not a very bad chance, and in my circumstances and conditions, I don't know but it would be almost "tempting Providence", as I have heard you say, to refuse it.

On the other hand, if I do go to College, it is bad to lose ~~the~~ any of it, especially this to say the least one of the most important terms of the course

Then again my expenses are going on here to the tune of at least a dozen dollars. besides if I give my

office of treasurer to another I shall have some two or three dollars Society bills to pay, otherwise the perquisites of mine office. which might be reckoned. Moreover, if here, I should probably earn here some $10, or 12,00. in one honorable way and another. Take it all. perhaps some $25,00 or $30, or to deduct from the $60,00, in one view of the case at least. I hate to be out. I want the German. I want to be here on many accounts. for my own sake, for the sake of the Athenaean, for the sake of ΔKE. Delta Kappa-- Epsilon. Fall term, you know, is great fishing time.

You see how strong my prejudices are, in favor of staying here: Still others stay out, many others, without better chances than this is, not needing money any more than I do. One can do it and get along pretty comfortably, several of the last class did, and maintain a good stand in their class. I suppose I must. and try. I shall get $60,00 and can probably get a winter school right about the same place for two or three months. so that I can bring back here at beginning of Spring term, as much as $100,00. perhaps more. that will pay up bills and set me along finely next year. I had just as lief be out next fall as not, that is Senior fall, and I can get through College finely, if I have my health & God's blessing.

If I go to Turner I can't at any rate go home till next June nearly, probably; perhaps till next September. I want to go home bad enough, and see the folks, that's a fact, but I can stay away. I guess I can.

Upon the whole, I have about concluded to write to Mr Isaac W. Talbot of Turner, tomorrow, and inform him that I will be there on the second monday of September, being Monday after Commencement to teach the aforesaid School.

I suppose in the first thing, I must have some clothes. In fact, I must whichever way I do or wherever I may go. Say a coat, at $11, or 15, a hat $2, or 3, then I need a pair of pants $3, or 4, and of boots $2, or 3, say $15, to 25, worth. I could get along and stay here next term, if I could bring back with me at Oct. 1st. about $15, or 20 dollars besides what clothes I must have. I would do it if I were certain of obtaining just such a Winter school as I should want, say 4 month beginning Nov. 1st at $20, or 25, dollars per month and board. for in that I could get along, and get here at the beginning of the Spring term, which I believe I must, at any rate.

I want you should write immediately on the receipt of this, I dont know whether you will get it Sunday or not till Middle of the week. If possible I want some of you, (I shall write to Joseph today) to send me $25,00 so as to reach here Commencement week, as soon as Friday Sept. 5th. if at Milo mailed on Wed. or Bangor on Thurs.

I rather think, if not to be otherwise obtained, Joseph can borrow it somehow. I dont want him to either; but I can pay it in three months. I shall write to Turner that I will come there. but if you should really think I had better not, I suppose I can be Sick, or frightened, or get off somehow and come home. So please Write.

In haste. Brother that cant come home

[illegible]

will the great God deign to hear and answer the prayers of such a [illegible]

[illegible] O God thou hast stiled thyself a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God help my unbelief and enable me to trust in Thee & why should I not hast Thou not again & again answered prayer & blessed him beyond my fondest expectations O the goodness and mercy of God – guide us O God and provide for us as Thou shalt see fit & to Thee be all the praise

It seems, in one view of the case, hardly worth the while to be out of Coll. if one can borrow money and pay it as easily after graduating. Give advice if need.

I. L. M.

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf

Milo Maine

Please Forward

BRUNSWICK AUG 23 Me.

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Isaac Aug. 20 1845 Bond

to have bought a Lever — it is the watch a gentleman ought to have, every one nowadays.
However this will do if I am careful of it.
I think I must give it to Lucy sometime.

Turner, Sept 7th 1845

Dear Mother

Here I am, safely ensconced at my new boarding place, trying to realize the idea that it is my home. I arrived here Friday night, and shall commence my school tomorrow, Monday Morning.

I suppose you will want to hear "the whole story", as usual.

In the first place then; Our Yearly Examination, was on Wed. Aug. 27th at which time I was almost sick, having a very bad cold, and having been out a good deal the two nights before, being the Prize Declamations at the Junior & Sophomore Exhibitions.
It was a very cold rainy day, we were obliged to sit in the Old Chemical Lecture room, hardest seats in the world most, for 8 or 9 hours two hours and more at a time without moving.
I felt bad enough, I assure you; It was a much harder Examination than usual besides. However I got along through the Latin and Greek and French, very well indeed, much better than I expected in comparison with others, and considering the peculiar "state of my feelings" at the time. But in the Mathematics — O Tempora! O Mores! or any thing Else! How I did get screwed!
I had expected to show to advantage in Mathematics, if nothing else.
I believe I am considered one of the best Mathematicians in the Class,
I have certainly studied the Mathematics of the year as thoroughly and understandingly as any one of the class. But at that time the violence of my head ache totally incapacitated me for thinking. Old Smyth, (probably relying upon my ability) gave me a kind of theoretical demonstration from the Spring term studies; I had not thought of it recently, At an other time I could have thought it out; but there, I could form no idea of it, and was obliged to get something else assigned to me which I performed.

I don't care much about it, though it provoked me some at the time to see others, who knew almost nothing at all of the years studies, saw off smoothly, while I stopped. However it is very frequently the case that the best scholars, having the hardest things given them come off worst. That day, several good Mathematicians had to have new problems. However, Examination only marks on the Rank Books as much as four weeks Recitations! and as I am absent so much, I can not expect to take a very high rank. After Examination I slept an hour or two, felt better and went to our class Supper &c. Oration G. S. Richardson, Poem J. S. Whiting, Odes by Hatch, Jordan, Kelly and Smith. Supper & Desert, Eating & drinking, toasts & speeches, ad infinitum only $8,75 apeice. I went to bed at 3 oclock. Next day I was invited by a friend to ride up to Lewiston with him, 20 miles, take a carriage back, no expense. Pleasant ride, beautiful place, falls &c. Ride back in the Evening. Thurs. It was day of the Freshman Examination, ~~then~~ Supper, then their Annual Bonfire & 7 bbls. tar. So I was up all night, laid down a little at 5 A.M. I guess I felt sore all over for a few days. I had a good deal of business to attend to for the succeeding week I was there, for the Societies and boarding club.

Commencement was hardly as good as usual. It was held in the new church unfinishished, loose floor, stagings &c. all "in statu quo" It is an awful great house, then so noisy you could hardly hear much. Tuesday 2d. Peucinian Anniversary, Oration by Rev. E. P. Peabody of N. Bedford Mass was very superior. Wed. Exercises of the Graduating class, said to be of a very high order. Athenaean Oration, expected from Geo. S. Lount Esq, of Newburyport did not come. However the Anniversary meeting & Supper was most Glorious. Abundance of Speeches &c from many great men & witty men &c. That & ΔKE kept me up considerable. Thurs. there is usually an Oration before the Alumni, and one before the ΦBK. Both failed.

"The Phi Beta Kappa had trouble enough in their camp. They elect members, every year from the Graduating class. perhaps 1/4 of Each class, best scholars &c. One black ball prevents a choice. A little Portland fellow, Charles Goddard, commonly called 'Cud Goddard, brother of the celebrated or notorious 'John Goddard', of down east, who was elected ΦBK last year, was there, and from some personal enmity, growing out of the secret society matters, persisted in black balling M.M. Butler about the best fellow in the class, had much the best part at Commencement! Many ballotings, Goddard was obstinate, and the Old ones, being unable to get Butler, threw up & put by the election till next year. So there is not ΦBK in the class. Goddard has immortalized his name, but rather honored Butler, as it shows how determined they were to have him. I expect they will write to Goddard's Marm to tie him to the Bed post another year.

I did not know how I was to get to Turner, as there is no Stage conveyance except through Portland or Augusta, take 2 days, cost 3 or 4. But 'Old Parson Greely' (perhaps you have heard of him), very famous man in this part of the world, Minister at Turner nearly 40 years, till dismissed last year was as usual at Commencement, going west, his son 'Life or Eliphalet, going home with the Old hoss all alone, carried (or brought) me home most joyfully. right to 'Parson Greely's', Friday night, did n't know hardly as I should ever get away. Parson Greely gone, Old Lady, I suppose long dead. Housekeeper, Miss Elizabeth Greely, quite a pretty, sensible, lady like young lady, quite accomplished I suppose, Glad enough to see company. Parson Greely's library is quite curiosity. He is a regular Old fashioned Scholar from time immemorial almost, the famous bore of Bowdoin Students, at College Exhaminations, full of Old fashioned questions, and all curious lore. Very odd man. Library curious collection. Old editions of old Latin & Greek Classics by lots, Bibles in every known tongue from Hebrew to Hawaiian.! Collection of old Almanacs. 'Thomas' Almanac for fifty years, bound in Volumes. Histories of towns without number &c &c.

I went yesterday Saturday, first to see the Agent, Old Squire Talbot, a big, blunt, lazy old fellow, then round to the Villages and a Dem. Caucus. then to ...
There are three settled Ministers in town. their three churches all in this part of the town, one or two others on the confines. First Mr Bates Universalist, one of the biggest guns they have in the country. Very large influential society, rule the town. Mr , Cal. Baptist, young, called a very smart man, pretty large Society I guess.
Then the 'Old Parish', Congregational, Minister a Mr Eddy, youngish man from Conn. Successor to Parson Greely. Society now rather weak.
The folks here are Mostly Universalists, in fact, it is one of their Strongholds But, by good Providence, I am thrown a little among Congregationalists. Talbot, the Agent is one. I board at Old Deacon Dresser's, a fine place I am thinking. Family, Old Deacon, his son, & Son's wife fine woman, two little children. Moreover, 5 or 6 scholars from other parts of the town are coming here to board. Turner has some advantages. Good soil Lands set apart by the Proprietors, School fund $ 200,00 per annum employed to sustain two such schools as mine, every fall, different parts of the town. Ministerial fund $ 350, per annum. enough to support one Minister. Always has till lately belonged to the Old Parish, source of much town contention, lately by legislative enaction, every Voter decides to whom his part shall go. So the Congregational Minister gets only about $ 40,00 of it. rather a small share.
I did not know any but Catholics opposed the Bible in Schools. Universalists here, are said to. Bates, Minister says he wants no one to teach his children to read in the Bible but himself, and I suppose he rules things here. Do you suppose the man will rule me? ha! he! I guess not! He lives next house to the School house. I board about 1/2 mile from School house.
I got me a coat made at Brunswick, whole cost $ 13,00. It is a $ 4,00 broadcloth, Black. Just in fashion, sits neatly, perfect love of a coat! Most a pity to carry that and my splendid cloak way off up to Turner. Turner though I hear is celebrated for its 'Women', its 'pretty gals'! My school will be most all of that sort. I expect they are terribly 'unsophisticated' though. I also gave $ 3,00 for a hat, got a neat one too, & $ 3,12 1/2 for a pair of pants. Boots I must have before long. I got a Watch of Carey & Co, Brunswick, gave my note for $ 19,00 in three months, interest thereafter. It is a Lepine, small prettiest I ever saw almost, prettier than a Lever, Ladies watch, give it to Lucy sometime. Chum bough a Lever, $ 38,00 He is poorer than I am almost at least he is in debt, though he has $ 60, a year from Ed. Society. I suppose I ought

How much good it would do me if I could only get such letters from home, as I am writing home so frequently. I believe I write more letters than all the rest of the family together. I certainly ought to receive more from some of you. Joseph keeps up a good correspondence. That will become of my $ 60.00. Joseph $ 26,00. Carey & Co $ 19,00 A. S. Stanwood & Co. I owe $ 5,00 or 6,00. My last term bill $ 17,48 Board $ 11,76, Societies when I go back, probably, some $ 10,00, Fall term bill, some $ 12,00 or 15,00 &c. &c. Do not dare to look any closer. I expect likely I shall have a pleasant school here after all. There will be no small scholars. I have the right to turn out if over 50, I believe. The teacher is left entirely to himself, the Fund Trustees never meddle or direct. Teacher forms his own plan & follows it to suit himself. Abundance of studies All english, High & Common, Latin & [illegible] Algebra Geometry & Surveying &c. &c. I intend to be content and enjoy myself finely here, though I have hardly dared to think of home for a fortnight, for fear. All I ask is that you all will Write Write

I brought up a lot of new text books, Junior books, German books and Mechanics, which I suppose I must study this fall. It will perhaps be rather hard, it always is when one is teaching.

Turner is noted as a great place for sociability among young people, immensity of parties of all kinds, dances, and balls. I have a strong mind to abjure the whole, though I suppose it is for my interest to get acquainted, go to social parties perhaps, but take too much time.

Post Office is 1½ miles off or more, but I can send this tomorrow morn you will get it in the course of the week, and do Write. I want to know how every thing get along at home. How does Charles? Has he got the Meadow hay cut? People here have got done cutting grain. Is the lot hilling potatoes? It is said there will not be potatoes enough for all in Maine. Plow them in. Do Write.

Isaac, S. M

Isaac
Sept. 7th /45
Turner

Turner Me
Sept 8th

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Piscataquis Co.
Maine

I suppose you, Charles & Ann will supply those boys at Bang. with good advice. don't forget my share!

I don't know as I have written all I want to, but I have written so much, I can't tell what is omitted. Is Lucy going to Bangor? Ann wrote. Tell her not to compromise her independence, nor forget her coming in writing to me at least. Good bye Isaac

I wish Charles would write, it would do him good. Mind as well as body, the too. Remember me to Eliza & Hannah and the Little ones. tell them not to forget Uncle [illegible]

Turner Me. Sept. 28th 1845.

I received your letter last Tuesday night Sept. 23d and with a good deal of pleasure, I assure you. I have now been in Turner three weeks & more, and that is the only letter I have received in the time! at which fact I have hardly known whether to be most vexed, or provoked, or homesick. However, I find myself so pleasantly situated here that I have concluded not to be homesick, I digest my spleen as well as I can, and revenge myself for my vexation by writing half a dozen letters to different friends, since I have been here, and live upon hope of sometime receiving some letters in return.

I hardly see what has got into Brother Joseph; he has been a first rate Correspondent all summer, but the last letter I received from him bears date more than a month since; I answered it before I left Bowdoin, and have written him one letter since I have been here, but he does not write. I suppose time seems longer to me being in a new place so.

(That letter from Milo really did me good, in every respect. Lucy is a glorious hand at writing letters, I only wish she would practice it a little oftener. I should like to hear from some of the rest too.

I could not tell from Lucy's letter whether Ann had established a private school at Boston or Bangor. I should like to know! I have only heard before that she was trying in both places, but not where she succeeded

I am very much obliged to Lucy for her advice &c. Still I now it now.
The complaint of rotten potatoes appears universal. They say it is not so bad just here as most every where else about, but here about half are rotten & the rest rotting fast. that is of Chenangoes, others rot not so fast quite. Charles is late about his grain. Most all the grain, I guess they do not raise a great deal, was housed when I came here 3 weeks since, all cut, some few stooks standing out. People cutting corn then & yet, digging potatoes.
My health is good. Perhaps I eat too many apples for one who has not been accustomed to much fruit lately; still I am well, though they say I do not fat up any yet, as I was intending to. You know I always have grown poor teaching. But this school, great as it is, besides being High, is not hard. I believe I never taught a school which fatigued me so little as this. It really is not much, if any, harder than good hard day's work. The government is exactly nothing. There is none of that constant, Argus, Argus eyed vigilance, watching small scholars, eyes & mind constantly stretched which wearies & vexes me to death in a common school.
It is a most noble school. About 60 scholars now. 70 at first, some had to leave for lack of room. I hear about 20 classes per diem, ought to have nearly ½ hour each. I crowd them into 7 hours.
I have about as good classes in most branches as was usual at Foxcroft Academy. Mathematics better. 2 classes in Latin. Virgil & Reader. 3 classes in French, 12 scholars. 2 of them have read more French than I have though my Education, on that is complete! Burritt's Astronomy 12, Philosophy most 20, Chemistry, History, Geometry, Geography &c. Also Upham & Abercrombie. Large classes reviewing Smith's & [illegible], Welch's Arithmetic. Colburn's, Bailey's & Smyth's Algebra; Smyth's, about a 12zen, first rate, many of them been about through it before. In fact I believe the school would average more forward & better school than Foxcroft Academy, the scholars here have had better advantages than most who attend there.

I suppose I have been extremely fortunate here, was at first, people took a notion to like me, I don't know why. It is a little strange too. You see people here are most all Universalists, far the largest and most influential part of the town, though I happen to be placed among what few Congregationalists there are. Agent is a Congregationalist & I board at the Deacon's.

There has been great opposition made even to reading the Bible, it has not been practiced in any of the town or high schools for some years. I was in a real quandary, knew not what to do. Folks here, where I board & other religious people say that they should have advised me, for my own interest & success, before hand, before witnessing the success of the experiment, to have let it all go.

However the first day I only organized the school, did nothing. The sec. day, partly I suppose from ignorance, partly perhaps from my natural stupidity & obstinacy, first prefacing some remarks upon the propriety & reasonableness of such a thing, a land where all acknowledge a God & Bible, I went on and opened the school by reading a chapter in the Bible and a short prayer merely asking a blessing, and so continue. I expect it astonished folks some. However, the success was beyond every ones most sanguine expectations. It took people a little by surprise. no one thought of such a thing in any body I suppose. However the scholars mostly a great heap of girls, had all taken a notion to like me before hand, partly perhaps because I looked so much like Leavey, the last Master who was extremely popular here, At any rate no one found any fault. every one liked the master better & better. Of Course, that very thing made one part of the people my strong friends & supporters for the first thing, and, it seems, has gained me no ill will from any one. The Great Universalist Minister Mr. Bates, People at Milo have heard of him, he has been all over the State, is one of their very big guns, lives next house to the school house. His two daughters go to school, and most splendid scholars they are too. powerful minds, as well as bodies, strong heads as well as arms. noble scholars, in Latin, French, Abercrombie, Mathematics &c., much interested in Studies too apparently. Mr [illegible] has shown considerable interest in the school, Much pleased at my introducing [illegible] Astronomy, & getting a large class in it. He appears to be a great big, sound head[illegible] good natured sort of a man, with a big tongue. [illegible]

Mr. [illegible], the Congregational Minister here, I am not inclined to like very well. He is a small, fussy sharp, sort of a man, meddling in every little thing & very set in his way, just about one opposite to Mr Parker, I might guess, not very likely to conciliate, I reckon. I do not consider him talented, though he was thought by the people here when they got him here, year ago. I believe they would have done better to have settled that little Mr Southworth, perhaps you remember preached at Sebec & Foxcroft a year or two ago, and who preached here a month or two on trial. I like the idea of settling a young minister, in such a place, both to have the benefit of his improvement in preaching, and also give him a chance to, as he matures, adapt himself to his people & situation instead of, having himself & character already formed, being obliged to fit a people & place to himself which is not always quite so easy. Today He preached very energetically for him, on the perseverance of saints. I did not like it. I believe I am a Calvinist, but if the doctrine must be expressed in that way, I do not wonder that it is a hard saying for many. He exchanged last Sabbath with Mr Butler the Cal. Bap. Minister He is a little boy apparently, has preached two years & I believe is not yet 20! He is really very talented I say. He intend to leave off preaching and get an Education soon, If he does he will make a smart man & powerful preacher some day I believe. He ought to, he has talents which it is his duty to cultivate, and I do not think Wesley's the best way always.

I rather think I shall engage a Winter school, about here, some where, can very well I suppose, Not probably get but $15,00 per month though, Wages here are low. 16 is as high as is often paid in the largest schools. These High schools turn out lots of Teachers you see. which reduce wages all round, with the 1/2 doz Academies not far off. I guess I can get $100,00 by spring term, if Providence prospers, & perhaps if they want me, I'd better come back here next fall. So, if I have my health & prosperity I can get through College, in some sort, honorably or not is another thing. I wish I could have been in College this fall, & money enough, & a little more head to back up besides. I suppose that I have certain friends in College who are determined that I shall be Pres. of Ath. next year. It might probably be some advantage to me, & perhaps a fit object of Ambition, if I were ambitious

Way 6

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Sept. 30

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

Lenore
Sept. 28/45
Turner

I wish you would write
you do not know how much
good it does me to get a
letter from Home
write often & particularly
let me know if you get the
[illegible]

[illegible] watch [illegible]
[illegible]
to [illegible] and [illegible]

Nov. 9th, 1845, Turner Me.

Dear Mother,

I was much gratified last night by receiving a ~~fine~~ excellent letter from Home, you & Lucy. You can hardly imagine the good it does one to receive letters from home, when one is so far off in a strange land, though perhaps I hardly ought to say 'among strangers', for I have got acquainted here considerable, more than I am apt to. I have certainly succeeded very well here, so far, at least. I have, I think likely, about the greatest High School, ever taught here in Turner, and certainly none ever got along more smoothly. It would amaze a common teacher to see my school, I reckon. The school house contains two rooms, and the school being so very large we have taken a couple of planks out of the partition & the scholars sit in either part room indiscriminately. Besides every one has full liberty to do as they please & go as they please. No one asks leave to pass from one seat or one room to another, or out doors, or or any where or any thing else. Every one does as themselves please in every thing, and of course, being in two different rooms, & so many of them, they have every opportunity. The materials too must of course be discordant, among so many from all sorts of district, & all sorts of families, there are of course all sorts of romping girls & bad boys, boys perhaps who never behaved well before in their lives, certainly not in school. And yet it is a good school, in every respect, every one well dispos ed and doing their best apparently; All perfectly united. All agree to like their teacher, & one another, and improve their time.

It is not even a noisy school, though there is no regulation against whispering, more than any thing else. Scholars study or consult together as much as they please, but take care for themselves of making a noise or confusion. If Mr. Metcalf thinks there is too much buzzing, or any confusion, the tap of his pencil is followed by a hush that is almost breathless. I never before thought I was a good teacher, but am almost convinced of it now.
The sober part of the people of course like me, and the other, larger portion, I believe really esteem me the more for having nothing to do with their dances & parties & balls, and waiting upon the girls &c.
Turner is really a pretty good sort of a place, & there are a good many fine people here. I should really like to come here another fall, though I tell them I wont for $20,00 per Month. It is a most excellent place where I board now. Royal Whitman's, a real substantial, independent, old Farmer, with a noble great farm, & a glorious orchard, all grafted fruit, I wish you could have some of the Apples, and an intelligent & well educated family. Himself is an intelligent man one of his brothers is a Minister in Mass. 6 daughters, youngest 18, 3 old st married, one to a Minister in Connecticut, 2 or 3 at home, large fat, handsome girls, so perfectly good natured, & open hearted free from affectation, that spoils 9/10 the girls, that one cant help loving them. (With the apples & the girls, it is a fine place to spend evenings without studying!
As for your & Lucy's advice in relation to intercourse &c, with the ladies, it is doubtless very valuable, in fact, my experience, or rather observation, convinces me of its importance to young men, in general, but I beg leave to assure you that as far as relates to my

self it is entirely unnecessary. I believe that I have before mentioned to you that in my character, Cautiousness & causality are both quite prominent, and therefore I am more likely to notice & speculate upon the manoevres of folks, than to be "sucked in", thereby.

Nov. 16th I intended to have sent this letter last week, but laziness and a great many other things appear to have prevented.

I am dreading really a good deal my next remove; this is such an excellent place here, it really vexes me to leave it, and to think then of plunging again among perfect strangers, & all the uncertainties thereof.

I close school here in a fortnight more; I expect to teach this winter in the town of Richmond, perhaps 20 miles from here, on the Kennebec river, below Augusta. I know nothing about it, but the representations of my friend Varney, who procured it for me, [illegible] introduced me to Turner; He has taught it 3 years. It is a small school, very forward, always paid higher wages than the large schools about, and then lengthen it out by private subscription. School money would never make more than 6 or 8 weeks, but they never have less than three months. The only ill of it is they wish it to commence a whole fortnight after this closes, which is too bad. I dont know what to do with the time, whether to stay & spend thanksgiving in Turner, or go to Brunswick, or as Friend Welch, who teaches "tother Grammar School" here desires, go over to his place at Monmouth and spend the time. How much good it would do me if I could only just go to Milo then, but, alas! it would cost probably; $15,00. Had I better come to Turner next fall?

I shall send that money to Joseph immediately. I got $60,00 here, I shall only pay $30, at college this fall, rest can wait till spring, and I can get along very comfortably. If any of you can let me have some money next spring or summer, guess I shall know what to do with it.

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

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Turner Me. Dec. 4th, 1854.

Dear Mother

It is Thanksgiving day, and I feel really disposed to write a letter to Milo — to Mother, though I believe I have written at least once since, receiving any letter from there, besides one or two to Bangor. What a stormy day it is! How natural it is, at any time, for one's thoughts to wander away, from the present & the here, to — to Milo, and especially so at this particular time of Thanksgiving day. Oh! if I could only set down by the old stove, and have a good old fashioned talk, with you, and Lucy, and Brother Charles; who, I suppose, compose your family at Milo now. I suppose I have enough to be thankful for now, but it seems that would add some to my happiness, if it did not to my gratitude.

You don't know how much I have thought about home, and the people there, within a few days, since my school closed here. I suppose too you are thinking occasionally of the absent ones, and especially so to-day.

However, I suppose you are all getting along comfortably at Milo, as usual, in about the same old sort of way; and, as for myself, you know, of course, that I am comfortable, as I always am, wherever I may be. And, at the present time, I am certainly surrounded by every thing, except home, to make a person comfortable and happy. although I have nothing to do hardly.

I think you ought to write me some good letters in return for this, and the last one I sent. There are as many as seven of you at Milo and Bangor, who ought to write. While I am here all alone, I get I guess, I write letters full as often and as much as any one writes to me, which is, you see, seven fold as much on the wrong side. I ought to be sure some of you seven are not very good letter writers, that is, if my experience is a fair sample. Charles never writes I believe. I wish he would. It would do him good. Letter writing is an excellent thing for the mind of any one I believe. I don't know but Lucia is going to be just like C in that respect. I hope Lucy is not losing her gift in that respect. Do write to me, frequently & much. Every bit of news is news.

I went out to Church this forenoon, and in spite of the storm, there were quite a number present, and I had, at the least, as many as three invitations to go home with different persons to dinner, Thanksgiving dinner too! but, (would you believe it?) refused them all. I hardly know whether from an odd habit I have got into of refusing all invitations; or because I felt like getting to the place that feels most like home.

I closed my school here last Friday, Nov. 28th, a week ago tomorrow, and was then expecting to leave here, Sat. last, or the next Monday, but, as I had a pretty good home, and very kind invitations to stop here, I finally concluded to stay here a spell, rather than to go to Brunswick where I could be doing nothing, and must be at considerable expense, or than to go over to Monmouth or Hallowell with Friends Welch or Seavey, who kindly invited me so to do, and make a home with them for the week, as I was almost entirely unacquainted with their families, and should feel as if I were putting them to trouble, rather than going home, though perhaps I might have been vexed with them, had the case been 'transposed', and they refused to go home with me; so I availed myself of my privileged capacity of saying '<u>guess I better not</u>', and took the easiest course for a lazy person, that of maintaining my '<u>Statu quo</u>', and so here I am, at Royal Whitman's, Turner.

I guess there is not much sense in what I have written so you need not be puzzled if you can not find it.

It is hardly worth the while to write such silly letters as I do, but I never seem to feel like taking pains when I set down to write a letter —

I suppose that by the time you write again, after receiving this letter, you must direct to Richmond &c.

I have been expecting a letter from you for a week past, perhaps there's one in the mail. Had one from

got along so pleasantly, better than I expected, that I really thought I liked it; but the other day, since school closed, I happened to go into the barn and thresh a spell, and was irresistably struck with the conclusion that there was no kind of work, I ever performed, that, no more indolent than I have yet become, I should not prefer to keeping school! Still I have enjoyed myself finely this fall. The fact is, a beneficent Providence has kindly formed me for enjoyment, for taking pleasure in whatever my hands find to do, and in whatever I do I find pleasure, more so perhaps than in some things I am sometimes obliged to *think*.

And I doubt not I shall enjoy myself, whatever be my circumstances, at least till my disposition is changed, in some way.

So you need not think I am low spirited, or inclined to find either troubles or faults with my circumstances. I certainly am not; but much the (quantity!) I meant contrary! (Perhaps, I ought not to have written such a mess of stuff, as this letter contains, to put a lot of foolish ideas in your head, that rarely find place in mind.

I don't know but these ~~jottings~~ are rather an evasion of the question. I fully agree with your remark about decision. I certainly feel the need of some such definite purpose in view, (sense of duty I expect is too much feeling) as a stimulant to exertion, something to call into real exercise all the powers. It is *essential* to a really valuable success. I really feel its lack. But how? I have thought of it, this fall, noticing, (I frequently notice things) noticing some young men, striving to merit, and to win, to make themselves worthy of, some young woman, really worth striving for; I have almost envied some of them. *some* of them especially. For instance, a young surveyor, now up to Lake Umbagog engaged on the Rail Road exploring, to whom a nice girl, sitting at this same table, is just writing a fine long letter!

Your Affectionate Son J. S. Metcalf.

along till time to graduate; then if I could borrow $50,00 or 100,00 to pay up my bills, and graduating expenses &c. &c. — why then, why then, I should be through College! Would it do to glance a moment at what I should be then? "Blushing honors thick upon me", an 'educated young man', ready for the world? Or rather, 'through College'; with an A.B. to my homely name, that is, if I could borrow money to pay up my bills; twenty five years old; poor as Job's Cat, as the phrase is, in debt besides; my 'business talents', naturally of the minimum order, depreciated to a close proximity to zero, no faculty for any profession or way to get a living; and probably too lazy even to work; luckier than most if even my character, if I own one, be not the worse for wear, and any more — what then — Is not that a picture?

However, joking apart, I can hardly see what I shall do. I could be a Lawyer, and enjoy myself in it, except — that I should starve to death three hundred and sixty five times in a year, which would not agree with my Alimentativeness. I should hate dreadfully to be a Doctor, besides, I have not faith enough, so that I could not be. Do not tell me of the Christian Ministry; — besides that my natural character is not suited to it, I lack the first, and most indispensible of all qualifications requisites, that ardent & heavenly piety, without which every thing else is but 'sounding brass and tinkling cymbal', and he who ventures take upon him its sacred duties, meddles to his hurt, as well as hazards the immortal souls of others.

One thing I can do, if I have my health, and probably must do; — but Oh! how I dread it — that is — teach — teach — but what a life, for any body to think of leading, and especially for me, for me, who I expect naturally hate it. I have had so pleasant a school this fall, and

I have been expecting a [illegible] from you for a week back, but [illegible] one [illegible]

I have been expecting a letter from you for a week past, perhaps there's one in the mail. Had one from Jo's. Sund. directed one to Amos Tuesday

I believe in one of your letters this fall, I believe you wrote something about decision, wanting me to decide something what I would do, or try to do with myself. It is a subject which really puzzles me a good deal, when I think of it, which, in fact, I hardly dare to do, very much. Every time I begin to think of it, I begin to think almost that it was rather silly business for me to attempt to go through College, for I really do not know what to do with myself when I do get through, if I am permitted to. If I had not tried to get an Education, I could probably have found something to occupy myself about while permitted to dwell here, and it would not have of a great deal of importance what it was, or how; but after one has, by any means, acquired a liberal, it might be said, a public Education, there seems to be a greater responsibility resting upon one. There is more expected of one, to be sure, those expectations are to be [illegible] for certain causes ^disappointed^ that they are less than it would seem they might [illegible] some cases reasonably be; there is in reality a greater responsibility, the enjoyment of advantages & priveliges that others have not, and the cultivation of a mind, and ^the^ power, moral & intellectual power that should be the result, of course seem to demand a corresponding influence, a greater debt of duty to one's fellow beings, something more like making the world better & happier for one's efforts. What a preamble! and now I don't know what I intended to say

I, can seem to see my way, after a fashion, through doubts and difficulties, to be sure, through College, or nearly so; that is, with all most favorable circumstances, looking only on the bright side of things. if Providence spares my life, and continues my health, and blesses me with success in every thing and every effort, as, I ought to be thankful, has been the case with me so far, so much. I can seem ^see a way^ to get along, with the money I have earned this fall, and expect this winter, till next fall; by teaching next fall & winter, if I have my health &c., I could get

It seems to me a very questionable policy in many respects, this putting up a new school house for Ann. Is her school a sufficiently permanent affair to justify it? It cost, a good deal, probably double what they reckon it. A year or two hence, whenever she is done with it, could it be sold for half, or for any thing? In a place like Bangor, are there not buildings enough or rooms enough, places that might be fitted up, or some building moved? The idea seemed rather a chimerical one to me, at first, though to be sure I can not tell, they there of course know better all about it.

Still, I reckon, it will be like a good many other speculations, most all on one side. Perhaps I ought to say nothing against it if it has been decided upon, especially as I know nothing about it. I guess it wont be very foolish, if Charles & Joseph concur in it.

My Health is first rate, fat up I guess, tough & rugged as ever.

I have not been able to study a great deal this fall, very little, with my school.

I don't know whether I have written to you of our excursion to Brunswick or not. Brother Welch & I, when our schools were half done, hired horse & carriage, & went down to Brunswick Friday P.M. staid Sat & Sun. Mon. went to Litchfield, where Wm. H. Searcy is teaching, then to Monmouth, Welch's father's, then to Turner. Had quite a pleasant excursion, cost us perhaps $2.00 apeice. Hardly know whether it was worth to cost to us. perhaps t'was, many things to reckon on t'other side. Got to Bowdoin 9 P.M. Friday. I walked straight into Athenaean Soc. Meeting, way they cheered me was not slow. People said there that there was a possibility that "Metcalf" would get a "Junior Part", in the spring, but I know much better than that. My Old Chum, Baker, got one this fall; he or no one else expected. If I should, I might be next President of the Ath. if all par-ties happened to be satisfied with it! J.W. Case is doing first rate, at Coll. I have letters from T. Tash A.M. sometimes. Catalogue yesterday. Whole No 273. Fall Term 165! Letter from Almeda, Oct. 25th, Must Answer.

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

Richmond Me. Dec. 15th. 1845.

Dear Mother

I take pen and paper, just now, not really in order to write you a letter, for I hardly think I ought to, considering that I have written at least two sheets full, (whether it will do to call them letters, is an other thing); to Milo since I have heard a single word from there; also I have already written two or three letters tonight, and it is now half past ten o-clock and I must finish, so as to send them all to Gardiner tomorrow morning, by Esquire Mitchell.

What I want is this ~

that you and Lucy should write to me, which you must acknowledge is no more than fair, all things considered.

Secondly

that for Convenience sake you should direct letters for me to Gardiner, rather than to Richmond, and moreover to the care of J. S. Mitchell

Care of J. S. Mitchell Esq. Gardiner, Maine

I am teaching school in Richmond, in which town there

are two Post Offices; but one of them is 7 miles from me, the other 4 miles, and just about no communication with either place.

Gardiner is 6 or 7 miles distant, but the communication is frequent & easy.

Moreover J. S. Mitchell Esq., the agent who employs me, and lives next door to my boarding place in Richmond, is a Merchant of Gardiner, Firm Mitchell & Wilson.

He rides over to Gardiner every morning, and back every evening pretty regularly.

He has kindly offered to take charge of my letters and so forth for the winter, whereby I shall receive them every day regularly.

I staid at Turner a week or more after my school was done, studying some, loafing some &c &c. Went to Brunswick the 10th, with nearly $60,00 in my pocket, staid two days, arrived here the 12th, with about $3,00 of it left, and not paid my term bills either!

Sat. went to Richmond Vill. to be examined, (guess I want much!), and to my Boarding place.

Sunday. Walked to Richmond Corner 4 miles to Meeting and had a fine storm to return in.

Monday, 15th, today, Rain & Snow, Began School 32 scholars, every prospect of a pleasant school. Besides Commencing School, have written, this

is the fourth letter today — 11 o'clock — and one or two of them were pretty good ones, very different at least from this one.

However I told you I was not going to write a letter when I began, only request you and Lucy to write, & tell where to direct to.

I believe I have written to about every body since they have written to me. No wonder, you may say, if all my letters are like this! They are not.

You can not think how I want to hear from Milo, and you all there. Please write me all the news.

What is the matter of Lucy lately? Seem as if it were three months since I heard from Milo. It is a great while

I must stop

Excuse this letter under the circumstances

Your Affectionate Son P. S. Metcalf

Isaac
Dec 15th 1845
Richmond

Isaac's Shirts are Body - 38 inches
Sleeve - 20
Collar - - 18
wristband 9
from Arm[illegible] to the Sleeve 10

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

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Richmond. Dec. 28th 1845

Dear Mother

You can hardly imagine how rejoiced I was, the day before yesterday, at receiving a letter from "Milo", from "Home", from "Mother & Lucy". I had almost begun to think that you had forgotten me, or something else, it seemed such an age since I had heard from you. It was really just about two months, – almost.

You asked me if I had heard of such & such things & events. The fact is I have heard of nothing; a month or two, or perhaps two or three months ago, Joseph casually mentioned, in a letter to me, that that they had had a freshet at Milo, & drowned the calves, but he supposed I had heard about it. !!!

I was almost vexed at your letter besides, it was so small, so meager: one small sheet was partly covered: two just such sheets as that would have weighed much less than half an ounce, I guess three would have passed single: And how much might have been written on those 8 or 11 pages! Why could not that Sister Lucy who really wanted to write have then thought of that! I think I must have a good deal of vanity to think that you are really so glad to hear from me, circumstances being as they are. When I like to hear from any one, I am apt to keep up my side of the correspondence pretty well. I do not see what is the matter with Sister Lucy. I once thought she was quite a good correspondent. You must excuse & forgive this page; but I have really vexed myself considerable about it.

I think and almost worry sometimes about some of our folks at Bangor. I do not know whether Joseph had better keep his present position or not. True, his wages appear good, though if he pays his own board, his board, & clothing, & ?? ???, will take at the least half of it. However, wages, present wages, does not seem to me just the thing, the principal thing, for a young man, a young man like Joseph: It is — What are his prospects? I consider that a good situation for a young man, where he has a good chance for going ahead, for bettering his condition & situation, for making a man of himself, even if his present wages & immunities are small. I should not consider Joseph's situation a good one, though his income were much greater than it would be in some other circumstances, if he had no better prospect for the future in that direction; nothing but the $400,00 or even $700,00 per year, year after year.

(Even if his health and spirits were good, and agreed with the business. I do not like Joseph's looking so pale and being so dull, — too dull to write to me — and having no disposition to take exercise. It looks as if he had not very good courage himself, as well as the confinement

(The paleness & lack of rugged health, incident to his confinement of life, I suppose would wear off in time, by another spring perhaps, a sort of reaction; that is if he would take exercise; though I do not think him fitted by natural constitution, & physical education, for a sedentary life. (Few - very few young men have been accustomed to so unremitting hard labor as he has. It has perhaps been an advantage in some respects, given him a

merable, some of the young men had taught perhaps more than I ever did and never any of them get this winter is $14,00. I believe most of them 10 to 12 or less!

hardihood, he would never have possessed without it, or something of it. but it has become a habit, too great a Change is injurious.

I am sorry that he feels so as he does about Society &c. He has been unfortunate, very unfortunate, more so even than I have in his 'bringing up' in that respect. I have had some opportunity to see and feel & to suffer from the loss, to try, in some measure, to retrieve it. Joseph must feel it deeply, but I suppose he sees no way to help himself, & has no courage to try.

I have seen a good many folks in several different places, in some years past, & had considerable opportunity to see how young people 'come up', or 'are coming up' in different circumstances; and besides have an observing thinking mind, apt to observe and speculate upon such things; and I have come to the conclusion that there are very few families, under any circumstances, brought up with so little intercourse with others, other young people, as we, especially I mean, Joseph & myself.

It is a great misfortune, I fell it so. I do not know as we are so much to blame for it, or 'circumstances'. My own speculations would make me think that in my case it was some defect of natural disposition, in Joseph's Education.

As for Eliab, I guess his physical & temporal interests are doing well, but I am a little concerned about himself, his own mind & heart. I hardly know what B. F. Brown is. I fear his influence is not the best. I do not know as I have not so great confidence in Eliab's firmness, and self preserving power of Character as Joseph's. He is young, Temptations abound, insidious ones too, unknown, unexpected one. From his very Character, he would meet five temptations to Joseph's one, without this power of resisting them either. I feel as if I knew nothing at all of his state or hearing from or of him so rarely.

At least a dozen school Masters went to school to me last fall, School Marms in abun[dance]
the best & most popular teachers they have about there. and the highest wages are

I received at Turner exactly $60,00. The school would be be limited to 50 if the teacher choose. I turned out some when the house was too crowded, but concluded it was not best to do it. Our reputation is all the better for a great school, and it is not necessarily any harder for teacher with 90 than 40 scholars, where of that class. One can but be busy, and in either case is not obliged to be but so many hours. But the Wages are fixed, it is not tuition, our Trusteed fund supports the school, just so much per year.
It is hardly fair to tell the $20,00 per month though. Wages are so low here. $60,00 per term is more than $75,00 would be in Londonderry for such a school. As I said I got $60,00 at Turner.

$25,00	sent to Joseph for borrowed money.
" 18,00	paid J. Carey for my watch, saved 2 doll.
" 2,75	Boots - thick stout ones, keep my feet dry.
" 4,75	Balance pay for my coat &c last fall.
" 2,25	Postage Bills two last terms.
" 2,75	Stationery &c.
" 1,50	Washing Bill.
" 3,00	Travelling Expenses.
$60,00	Total paid out.

Of course, as you may suppose, my pockets are not much heavier for the $60,00! However I have never been entirely without. And I have now $2,50
I shall get $36,00 here, which is not a cent more than seem to must have without paying any on my term bills. The different Society bills, I must - I will pay whether or no. probably some 10, or 15, dolls. ought to pay more $20,00. Some clothes I must have at any rate, books, furniture, incidentals. &c.
I do not know what they will do if I do not pay my term bills. they can but turn me out. They can not sue my bondsmen for I have never given bonds. and wont if they turn me out for it. I suppose there is some $50,00 60 against me on the term bills. $25,00 or 30,00 I never shall pay though, and I told them so! - - -
However I ought not to complain or to repine, I have good success in whatever I undertake, and am blessed with health and strength above others most others in my circumstances. I weigh about 170 lbs. am stout & rugged, capable of enduring fatigue & exposure to cold & wet. I never take cold, sleep & sleep with half the clothes others use, always sleep with my window raised, &c &c to the fright & astonishment of all the old women. I like to work besides, unlike other teachers, mine my indolence is entirely mental, if I get to work threshing or chopping, it is difficult to stop. But, I have to keep school, & worse yet have to, ought to study while teaching!
I don't know as this long mess of nothing at all is worth the writing, in fact I know it is not, I do not know but it will be tiresome to you, but if it is I hope it will provoke an answer if it cannot coax one!
Do write to me.
Affectionately Son J. S.

… 1854

Bowd. Coll. Feb. 23d 1846

O Dear Mother

For the bundle I received the other day I am much obliged, although it contained (no letter from (Dear Mother)

The pair of shirts are beautiful, but very much finer & handsomer than I needed or wanted. Such shirts as these ought to have splendid linen bosoms attached. I could have got along without this term them, and most wish they had waited till June, and been made up with bosoms, in fashionable style. The Stockings are just first rate, the very thing. Those I have had are rather poor either too coarse or too fine, however I have been wearing them out as fast as possible. Its a work though. I do not wear out stockings very fast and have several now on hand waiting for foot.

Sister Anne sent (a bosom, very nice one just the thing. I had none but perfectly plain one, every body most wears plaited ones entirely. However I think, sometimes that my splendid Δ.Κ.Ε. (Delta Kappa Epsilon) breastpin, it is about as rich an affair as you ever saw, looks all the better on a plain bosom, contrast, you know. I have number such as they are. Anne sent one of Joseph's. It looks rather smaller than those I wear. I have not worn it yet. Vests are worn very open now. By the way I have having a new vest made since I got back to college

I must have a new vest of some kind. I never had a handsome one. Nothing shows to better advantage than a rich vest. It costs little. I thought getting one, I would put another $1 and get a nice. So I got a Cashmere pattern, $2,00, rich. Vest cost $3, + Vest & pants $8.00.

Since entering College, Sept 1844 My expenses have been somewhat as follows, [illegible]

Travelling Expenses, 5 journeys here home & all others about	$40,00
Books and Stationery	20,00
Room fitting up & Incidental Expenses	25,00
Board	35,00
Dress	60,00
Society Expenses	10,00
Postage	6,00
College Bills	84,00
Total } Not far from	$280,00

For the other side of the Matter,

Earnings. Bangor Winter School	$60,00
Turner School	60,00
Richmond School	36,00
Earnings in College	24,00
(Earnings	$180,00
Received from Mrs. Childs Sept 1844	20,00
" " Home May 1845	5,00
" " Mrs Childs June "	20,00
" " Home Jan 1846	5,00
	50,00
	180,00
Omitted Writing & Station[illegible]	10,00
	2,40,00

Total Expenses $ 280,00 Since Sept. 1st 1844
" Receipts " 240,00 about 18 months
Debt $ 40,00 Most of which I now owe on my College term bills, but about $25,00 of which I do not mean to pay at all, being that for Advance Standing.

It is rather discouraging after being absent from College for nearly six months, earning money, & economical as I have been, and then find oneself $40.00 in debt. However not so bad as it might be, Many others, supplied with many times the money, are much in debt at Stores &c. I do not get in debt only on term bills & those can run. I shall earn this term by building fires &c. &c. some $15, or 20,00, which will [illegible] term bill along somewhat. Someth[illegible] [illegible]ve some money the first of June to pay board bill, & incidentals, say $25,00.

If Charles can help me to it good, if not perhaps I can borrow it of Joseph as I did last summer.

If I have my health & the blessing of Providence, and do not get too deep into Society Expenses, I shall be better as well off next spring as this.

Perhaps, under all most favorable respects, and uniform good fortune & health, might get through College by only borrowing $100,00 to pay my Graduating Expenses!

I have been extremely economical: can't tell for the future. May yet spend $50,00 per term for Societies. I cannot be mean

I think I have done pretty well in dress $60, or 75,00 is allowed a common to dress a Young Man. I have spent $60,00 in 18 months. Had hardly any thing at first. Now can dress decently, pretty good suit of clothes, Cloak &c. Do write

J. T. M.

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalfe
Milo Maine

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Isaac Feby 23
1846
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Bowd. Coll. March 15th, 1846

Dear Mother

Your last excellent letter of March 1st or 7th was thankfully received by me about a week since, March 9th. You can hardly imagine how much good it does me to get hold of a letter from you. Seems to me you give up the matter of writing to you children ~~most~~ too much to Lucy. I am sure I like to receive letters from Lucy right well, and should be very glad if she would write twice as often & much, but I do not want you should depend entirely upon her, so as not to write at all yourself.

I am glad you happened to write upon your birth day, for I am sure I did not know when it was before, now I will remember. I have a very poor memory of dates and numbers. I know no one's birth day but my own, I guess. But I did not think you were quite so old as 59 though. It seems longer to me than to you though, although I realize that each succeeding year seems to me shorter than the preceding.

I am afraid my letters will begin to be troublesome to you, at any rate I guess you will not have time to read them all, if they come half a dozen at a time; Especially if they are such a foolish scribbled mess of empty words as some of the last I have sent. At any rate, if you could not find out what they meant, it would be no great loss any way

I am very much obliged to you for writing a few particulars about matters and things, and wish you had tenfold more. You cannot think how interesting such things are to me. how I have wanted to hear about all such things for a whole year past, and could hardly get a word from any of you. How I should like to see all the things! for instance those colts. It seems Charles now likes the red one the best, I always did, but he always used to have a curious prejudice for the little grey, just as he used to for the little Steek, perhaps because he was so Chunked How much does he prize the Donkey at? He will never sell him for $100,00 I suspect.

As for my poverty - it is vexatious enough I assure you, but I have made up my mind not to suffer myself to be much disturbed by it. I can get along somehow, as others do, I can without running in debt as others, some others do: I will be; and am, economical about useless things. I will not spend $100, per term in riding about, or $20,00 in Cigars, or in going balls, shows & parties, or more yet in drunken sprees.

But as for the Societies, I am in for it, and I will not back out. I never have been naturally disposed to be very active in such matters, Every one knows I am not ambitious, not enough so for my own interest in College, or any where else, or for my friends. But here circumstances have drawn me into it, and I will play a Man's part and do it, manfully, assured that I am right, and that how ever I may be slandered or my reputation assailed by those whose interest it is, as will surely be the case, yet it will all come out right in the end, trusting in right, truth, and true hearted friends. There is a good deal of excitement in College growing out of these Secret Societies at present. The contest

I will tell you what it is about A.B.C.F.M. It has been remarked that great men are not always wise. It is still more true that worldly wisdom sometimes carries great men out of the path of simple straight forward truth & right. They become too wise to see that it is the best policy. Expediency is a great God. At Meeting of A.B.C.F.M. last Fall. the Great Men, Dr Woods of Andover, Drs Beecher, Stowe & Anderson &c. big guns, were set to make (a) report on the great Slavery question, much agitating the country, & threatening to divide the Board. It was a great duty. They felt it. The interests of the country & the world were on them. They were great men, mighty men; but their souls were not big enough; They feared the face of man, trusted not in God, and bowed down to the God Expediency. They made a report. It was a master peice. It spake of Organic & inorganic sins; a cunning theory. To the Northern Man it was an AntiSlavery document, to the Southern Man it sanctioned Slavery in toto. It was designed to unite all parties, the plan apparently succeeded The board were, it was said unanimous. The lesser lights dared not shine. But – the craven northerners dodged. They probably feared Expediency also. At any rate, out of some hundreds of Northern & Eastern men present, only a dozen or two signed the report. Moreover most of those who signed the report were immediately elected Corporate members of the Am Board, none of the others!

But the matter could not rest there, some things cannot be covered up even by Leonard Woods D.D. et cum suo.

Woods & Co doubtless thought their wisdom would be for "the greatest good of the greatest number" it was the very difficulty. They should have thought what is morally right, conform wisdom to that, not that to wisdom: and let Him whose right it is take care of the consequences.

Do write to your Son J. T. Metcalfe

Is it a fact that you do not even have a Newspaper there. You ought to have some books, also. The books here are all so dr[?] few are worth reading nowadays. I wish I could carry you home some. Here a great trouble is so many. We have perhaps 20000 volumes to select reading from.

As for my Clothing, I intend to dress well in future whether or no, that is decently, or rather, always have one decent suit: Clothing does make an odds, there is no mistake about that. I found it at Turner. When I went there I had a new coat, & could dress decently.

I have changed my Chum this year. First year I roomed with Wm M. Baker of Belfast, a beneficiary of the ~~M~~ Ed. Soc. A good fellow & fine scholar. We joined different societies all round. He is a Peucinian & a ΨΥ. We thought best to separate; the ΨΥ wished him to go with them, room with one of them who needed steadying, & a good scholar at his elbow! My Chum this year is Saml W. Hatch, of Bowdoinham, 12 miles from here. A Methodist, going to be a Methodist Minister, and a stout one too, if he lives and has his health. He a Peucinian, but a Brother ΔKE. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Mr Chickering of Portland preached here yesterday, most excellent sermons, adapted for students too, did them good. The New Church is to be Dedicated next Wednesday March 18th. It is the most splendid affair in the State, I never saw its like. How I wish you could only just see it. I expect the Dedication will be a great day. Wonder if the big house will be filled.

I wrote to Joseph requesting if convenient that he or some one would send me $10,00, as I am entirely out

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against ΨΥ. overbearing aristocracy of money, good fellowism, and genteel dissipation, is, in a great measure, to be fought this year. (But there are strong fellows to fight it.

The whole torrent this spring has been to "put down" ΔΚΕ, to "ruin" it by any means no matter how, private & public, individual & general; open & concealed, malice & scorn, lies & sneers. — but all originated in fear. But all will not do; truth must prevail. The Yearly Class Election of Orator & Poet in the Sophomore Class took place last Friday. The candidates for Orator were the ΨΥ Stevens, the big gun of the Class the great man of ΨΥ, and my good friend & Brother Case of Levant. It was hard contested and great excitement. One would think the very existence of ΨΥ depended upon Stevens election. Even the Seniors interested themselves in it, & electioneered for [illegible] On our side, the Sophmores worked it out for themselves, in all [illegible] Case was Elected. 18 to 17 One Majority. It was justly considered a victory, little to be sure, but a beginning. It is secretly called an omen that Metcalf will be next President of the Athenaean Society!

The defeat did not set very well upon the ΨΥ., They made a terrible outcry, in their anger brought a raving charge of Lying &c against a ΔΚΕ. He defended himself calmly, and with so much true courage that they could not get him to fight, and finally they were obliged to take back and apologize! It was rich. They over did themselves.

I would write to Uncle Joseph, if I knew how. How I should like to go to Mass. Probably I shall not go to "Oregon", if the Mormons do, at least till they die off.

As for the Doctor project I was in earnest then, though in truth, I am so busy since, I do not think about it. As for Uncle Natt, I will do nothing but let him alone. & pray you too.

Isaac
Mar. 15 - 1846
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Mrs Anna M. Metcalfe
Milo
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Bowd. Coll. Apr. 5th 46

Dear Mother

I have written a whole lot of letters to send to Bangor by James Newton and some of them may perhaps get to Milo some time or other; though I do not know as they will be worth the reading

One thing — I have forgot what it was though.

I had a letter from Lucy the other day, but not a single word from dear Mother. I wish you would write oftener.

I am getting along well as could be expected I believe, Have made up all my studies and stand as well as the rest of my class. getting along now as easy as need be. My health is now first rate; though I have lost a little flesh I expect since I came back to College. It has been quite unhealthy here as well as every where else. Week before last the week that it rained so, you remember. I was somewhat unwell, did not go out of my room much for three days, it rained. They said I was threatened with the Scarlet Fever which prevailed some, but I took no medecine of any kind, and felt well as soon as it came fair weather, and the sun

shone on me. I am blessed with good health, more than many most others.
We have lately got up a Bible Class Sabbath afternoons, and got Prof. Goodwin to take charge of it. It bids fair to be very interesting. Prof. G. is a very deep thinker and a man of great erudition also and very critical, and at the same time common sense. Qualities not always united.
I shall probably be in Bangor about the 20th or 21st of May. Will it be convenient for C to be down there any time then and carry me up. Or I can walk up just as well perhaps and send my trunk up perhaps. Or possibly I may conclude to go across the country from up to Waterville. The Foxcroft fellows think some of having a horse & wagon come over to Waterville and carry them home.
However time enough a month hence to make arrangements for getting home though I begin to think of it some already.
It seems too as if the fortnight was a dreadful short time to be at home, after so long absence, 15 months, and perhaps not likely to see there again for as long. for very probably it will not be convenient for me to get home again till about the time I graduate, or the Senior Vacation.

Rev Mr Burk (a) converted Jew from Poland lectures tonight at vestry. I must go down and hear him and carry the letters and give to Newton, as he goes tomorrow morn

I do not know as I have any thing to write and what I have written or scrawled if it could be read, would not be worth reading

However you must take the will for the deed, and write to me soon.

Let me know all how you get along at home.

Your Affectionate Son

J. S. Metcalf

You can see the haste and excuse.

Miss Anna M. Metcalfe
Milo, Maine

Isaac Apr. 5th
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Bowd. Coll. May 7th 1846

Dear Mother,

I received your last letter about a week since I think. I have not much to write now, except to tell when I expect to go home. What with "Nostalgia", or at least desire to go home, and the length of the term & hard study, I have got rather tired out.

I believe I should have started for home by this time, in spite of my dislike at making up and being Examined at the beginning of the term; if it were not that I have the bell to ring and cannot very well get away.

I do not see how I can get along with staying at home only a fortnight, and yet I do not see but I must be back here about the beginning of the term.

I shall have considerable business as Treas. of Ath. Soc. that must, or ought to be done first week of the term. Besides it is just before Election, and time then you know is important & valuable.

Our Examination Wed. May 20th, I suppose but, as the boats now run, if one staid here

till after Tuesday night, he cannot go to Bangor by Steamboat till Friday night, arrive there Sat. M. at 11. So I am determined not to wait. I shall go to the Proffessors and request to be examined on Tuesday. if they refuse, I shall take the responsibility and start off Tuesday night, so as to be in Bangor Wed. Morn. May 26th at 11 o'clock.

It is possible that the Boats may make some new arrangements before that time so that I may wait till the next day.

I rather think they will not refuse to examine me on Tues. if they do, I do not care.

You say, get my Daguerreotype taken. I should like right well to, but, in my circumstances, I do not know as it will do for me to.

I am sorry Lucy keep school up there in Holton almost. could she get no other better chance?

I shall bring home a big lot of old clothes. I can assure you. Some, perhaps but few that will be worth mending.

I suppose I ought to have some linen made up, bosoms, I have pretty some collars. Ann sent me one bosom by Ed. Brown. but it though a pretty good one, was hardly large enough for me as they wear bests now, and

I should like some of rather finer linen, the bosom you know is that part of the dress most in sight. Have you any patterns of such as are worn nowadays?

I do not know but it would be the cheapest way to buy such things ready made.

It is now about 15 months since I have been at home, and it is very possible that I may not be at home again for about as long, if I teach Fall & Winter, till Senior Vacation, July 1847 just before I graduate.

Lucy must dismiss ~~her school at~~ for a week [illegible] least, while I am at home, be two weeks though—

I do not think of any thing more to say. hope to come home & say it, if I have.

Be in Bangor Wed May 20th, and for myself might walk to Milo

Your Aff. Son F. S. Metcalf

P.S.

Been a whole 1/2 hour writing this!

J. L. Metcalf Bowd
May 7 '46

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

Bowd. Coll. June 14th 1846.

Dear Mother

I suppose you are somewhat anxious to hear from me; not knowing exactly how I was to get here. I therefore undertake to write without delay. Charles, I suppose, told you how I was left by Clark, because he could not get any horse to come with; and also how he carried me most over to Dexter, and then consigned me to Esq Robinson, who kindly furthered me to Dexter, where I arrived a little after 3 P.M. By the way, what time did Charles get home that night? I do not believe he finished sheep shearing the next day.

There was no stage went from Dexter until Thursday noon, 42 hours. I should have gone right on afoot, but I hated to leave my trunk behind, or it is not a direct route even to Waterville by stage, two cross routes, up to Skowhegan, & then down to Waterville, making near 60 miles, while it is 40 38 by direct route. If I left trunk & come by stage, it would only get to Waterville Friday noon, & I should be lucky, if it ever got from there to Brunswick. Besides I found that there was very much direct communication from Dexter to Waterville; chances to go or send very often. Only two hours before I arrived there, two teams started for Waterville.

So I waited at Dexter until Wednesday 3½ o'clock P.M. before I had chance to leave there, Expense $1,62½

A man going over started then, that I expected would go in the morning. Fine team, went within 4 miles of Waterville that

evening, stepped in early in the morning. Fare $2.37½. Stage would have been $2.51 & much harder every way. Lodging & breakfast, 37½. Staid at Waterville 2 or 3 hours, seeing Colleges &c. some old acquaintances, but little business for lack of Coadjutors. 9 A.M. then to Augusta 18 ms. in steamer Fare, 25. Hood Kennebec Dam just repairing, lock not fixed. Walked round Augusta, Statehouse &c. heard part of a great speech in Colburn of Belfast, contested seat, which I thought was decided week before. Walked down to Hallowell, awful hot. Steamboat Kennebec at 2½ P.M. to Bath, Fare, 50 arrived there 5 P.M. Called at Mr Sewall's, Susan Carpenters husbands. Sewall is a rich real estate holder. plain good sort of a man, they were very glad to see any one from Foxcroft. Stopped there to supper. Mr Sewall happened to be obliged to harness his horse, and insisted upon carrying me half way up to Brunswick. I did not want him to, but I suppose it was a good thing. You see he is to lazy to harness the horse often, and it really suffers for exercise. I really pitied the poor thing, it is very large indeed, heaviest horse in Bath, and Mountain of flesh, so fat it could hardly get along. (Do it good to be driven 50 miles per day, & loaded.

Arrived at College at 10 P.M. Thursday, June 11th, somewhat tired but well as Metcalfe, having had a very pleasant, and cheap journey. Clark arrived perhaps twenty four hours sooner, having come all the way through in the stage; probably cost him considerable more than me, and had much harder time of it every way.

Things are getting on here much as usual, considerable excitement about the elections, and increasing. I have not studied much yet, too much business to attend to, only go into recitations, though aught to study, make up for absence.

By the way, when I left Charles he gave me $15,00. I believe; wanted to more, but I refused to take it. I had calculated just how much I had to spend, and found that I could get along with that, $30,00. it would make, for this term. Was it because I refused money when I could have it?! When I arrived here, I found an old bill against me as Steward of boarding Club, which by some one's carelessness, possibly mine, though I think not, in fact know it, had been mislaid. It is ~~against~~ against me, and I of course, pay it. It is $10,00 The Club would of course contribute to pay it, but those [illegible] boarded there that term, it was last Summer, were almost all Seniors, and now gone. I will not call upon the 3 or 4 only now here to help pay it. I do not hardly know what I ^can^ shall do about it. If Charles has that money still, I would not refuse it again! If he has not, perhaps I can borrow it, for a month or two, or maybe get it of Jos. or Eliab.

I wish Charles would take measures to sell Donkey I fear me he is getting off the notion of it, very bad so to do.

Has that Garden been planted yet?! What is Charles doing about Haying work.? Do now write me all about every thing. I wonder if Sewing is at home today; how I want to see you all! I declare I am almost homesick!

Do write to

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo Maine

J. S. Metcalf Bowd.
June 14 1846

J. S. Metcalf Bond
July 21 '46

Bond Coll. July 19th, 1846

Dear Mother

How would it do for me to begin to grumble, and say that I have been six weeks away from home, and Mother has not written a word to me? I did almost begin to think you had all forgotten me; it was about five weeks before I heard a single word from any one either at Milo or Bangor. I have however, now received a nice letter from Sister Lucy, and when Young Weld came on, last week, I got a letter from Joseph, but not a word from Anne or Eliab.

Miss Weld returned to Bangor the 17th inst. I sent by her a letter to Joseph, and also one I had written to Lucy. I do not know when it will get to Milo, and perhaps not much matter.

I hardly know why I write this letter just at this present time, except it be to say, that if Charles succeeds in selling his Colt, (and I think he had better, if possible, at any decent rate,) I wish he would let me have some of the money, if he can. If he cannot, or does not, I must make some arrangement with Joseph, or somehow, so as to have some at command next term.

I ought to have $50,00 at least, at the beginning of the next term, and then should remain a good deal indebted upon my term bills; but I suppose I can get along and be satisfied with $25,00. by plunging a little deeper in debt; for which however I care not, for, if I have my health & God's blessing, I can earn it by Spring. I do not yet know what I shall do this fall; probably either a School here in Brunswick, or else go to Turner as last Fall; though it is altogether too bad to be out of College for $20,00 per month, a Senior too.
I ought to have some better chance than either, and deserve it, according to what some others succeed in doing.

Joseph wrote merely that Charles had been making some "ineffectual" efforts to sell the Blk Colt. I thought from Lucy's letter that he was somewhat likely to succeed in selling somehow.

I must tell you of the scrape we got into last week. The Juniors have no Recitation Wed. P.M. Theme day. Last Wed. 15th, fifteen of us went down to the Bay to have a sail, four miles. 2 o'clock, intending to get back by 6. Got a sail boat of perhaps 10 or 12 tons burthen. Wind south, beat against it out several miles, thinking we could come

back" shortly any time. Wind died away, Tide began to set down the bay strong. Breeze sprang up right off shore. Schooner Lily a poor sailer 'on a wind'. Began to get hungry, nothing a mouthful to eat or drink! Decided to put away for the 'Mansion House' Harpswell. 15 miles from here
Arrived there at 11. P.M. After some trouble mooring our 'bonny bark', and getting ashore. we set people to work, and did ample justice to the best fare the place afforded, before mid-night. High time.
~~Next day~~, Next day, Bathed, Fished, Sailed, Rolled Ten Pins &c. &c. till after dinner. Found Money enough in the company to pay Eaton of the Mansion House, (which by the way is a splendid place, & well kept,) some $12, or 15,00. After Noon breeze sprang up, and we had a splendid sail back, got there by 6, or 7 o'clock P.M.

Take it all around we had a splendid time and none the less so for being overheated. We did not know what kind of a scrape we should have with the College for running away, expected admonition perhaps at least. But went, before they had time to call us up, and told them our story, and Kellogg, Minister of Harpswell, a great friend of Students, was up, and spoke a word for us, and they let it all pass.

There was some alarm and conjecture, in College, as to what had become of us, you may imagine. More than half (a class.

Cost perhaps $ 2,00 apiece.

It is too bad for me to be poor. I do like to spend money, and cannot well be mean. I can see every year, every term, as my tastes become more refined and better cultivated, and enlarged, I cannot get along without spending more money. However thank God, I am able to earn money for myself to spend.

- I do want much to know how Charles gets along with his haying. How I should like to be at home and help him. I wonder if he has no help but that little fellow. (Do some of you write to me all about it, and all other affairs.

How is Eliab's health? How I should enjoy '**Work**' if I could be at home. instead of 'Shut up to 'Study'', this warm weather. It is not what Man is made for.

Do write to J. S.

What shall I do for Money?

I have got to write (a prize theme within about a week. If I am appointed on Prize Declamation, I ought to have, perhaps must have New Suit of Clothes.

them ask if there are not many trials in being treated with contempt

Bowd. Coll. July 30th 1846

Dear Mother ~~in~~ ~~extremity~~

I received you excellent letter this morning, and much good it did me too. I do wish you would write oftener than you do. In proof that I mean to do my part in writing well, I will at least begin a letter tonight; perhaps send it tomorrow as I am now expecting to go up to Turner tomorrow afternoon, to see about that school up there, and may not be back till next week. It seems that after Lucy's letter of July 7th, containing the money, you did not hear from me for some time. I wrote in a day or two after two letters and sent to Joseph by Miss Weld; perhaps he did not get them immediately, or did not have any opportunity to send Lucy's to her. I wrote again to Mother, on July 20th, and to Lucy at La Grange, the 26th, having received one from Lucy at La Grange the 24th. Whether I mentioned the rec't of the money in the last letters or not, I forget. It appears that, Eliab went home the 10th inst. He ought to have come home sooner, and must be more careful in future of his health. Be careful of him, and not let him expose himself before he is fully recovered, not let him go down to the Mills and get tired. I shall be extremely anxious to hear from him again very soon

I am glad Lucy is getting along so well in her school. and hope she will write again soon as she finds my letter of the 26th.

Do not be alarmed about my health. It is first rate. I am hearty, fat, and rugged. The hot weather is hard, but you may be assured that I do not study to hurt myself. The hot weather does not affect me badly, if I can get to the water, and sleep on the floor! besides you know I am carefull about my health. You should rather talk to some of the rest of your children about being careful. I am careful naturally, as well as habitually.

How in the world is Charles going to get all his hay? And only that little boy to help him. I should think he must have more help or it would take him till next December. Only got in 8 loads! That though was the 21st only.

I do not hardly believe he will succeed in selling his colt, after all the business.

Well if I go to Turner, I believe I shall do as every body else does. i.e. Get suit of clothes and what ever else I want on credit, and let it slide. College, board, and all bills together. Many here let their bills run for year or more.

Moreover my Credit here is pretty good, for contrary to all custom, I have gone on the cash principles with every thing but College Term Bills. If I am not here, of course they will wait for me.

You ask if there are not many trials in being treated with contempt for the lack of the 'Almighty dollar', of course, much; but not so much among Students themselves. Among Students generally it is not money, but worth, to be sure, they may reckon worth after different & odd standards, but wealth alone is not it. But I must say that as much cannot be said for the College Government. It is not young men that worship the dollar. I have got pretty well disgusted with College Government. I doubt much if they ever get me on their Stage, if I have to start for Wisconsin or Oregon before Commencement '47 to avoid it. There is no mistake about it, the monied fellow has much the advantage with them, as in fact every where else in this world. One can see it in every thing, recitations, lectures, priveliges &c. They must secure you know the favor & the influence of the wealthy and the great. No matter for the injuries or the complaints of those not bige enough to make [illegible] noise. Choke them off.

O you say you cannot write much. Why not. If you have not pen & ink, you ought to have, and time enough too to write to your children

Do write to me often. Make Eliab write me a long letter before he goes back to Bangor; it will do him good. He is too negligent. He has not written to me I hardly know when. I wish you all knew how much I want to know how every thing gets along there at home. How I should like to help Charles cut that hay. I'll stop and put this in P.O. Do write to J. S.

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
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S. S. Metcalf's Board
July 31st 1846

P. S. Metcalf Bowd. Aug 9 '46

Bowd. Coll. Aug. 9th. 1846

Dear Mother

I should think you might all conclude that I do not mean to be considered @ neglectful correspondent, however careless and worthless my letters may be. I believe I have written at least @ dozen full letters to "the family", within eight weeks past. Enough surely, without they were better! In answer to them, I have received in all five! hardly the usual proportion. This too in @ term when I have had so very much of every thing to attend to, of my own business and studies, and every bodies else. I have not even had time to write my regular College themes, until three or four days past, when taking advantage of @ little respite and two or three "adjourns", I have <u>elaborated</u> about @ dozen solid pages of <u>Theme</u>.

However, I owe an apology for writing letters home so carelessly as I do. When one writes @ letter home, in @ hurry, the mind wearied by study and thoughtful writing, he is most apt, if not more careful than I usually am, to merely scribble of what comes up first, @ mass of words, without much thought or sense.

I received @ day or two since @ letter from Joseph, from his "quiet chamber, surrounded by books &c.", filled with grave speculations and 'well founded opinions' on various subjects, and then, crowded into the last line, these words: "It is the Erysipelas, you must keep it in @ horizontal position & constantly bathed in spirit & water said Dr. McR. when I showed him my swelled leg. J. H. Metcalf", and no other word about himself, or Anne or Eliab. I infer that he is confined to his room, and am somewhat provoked at him for not writing something of it. I am very anxious to how both he and Eliab do.

I went up to Turner about @ week ago. Started Friday night at 5. P.M. Got back at 12, Sat. night. A fellow student went with me, for whom I obtained one of the Turner schools, and who paid most of the expenses of the journey. I have agreed to go to Turner this fall, with the privelige, if I choose, of procuring @ substitute, and leaving after the first six weeks. I shall go there the very first of September, six weeks be out before the middle of October. So that I can take the school here in Brunswick, or any other, 4 or 5 months long, thereafter. I may get the school here in Brunswick, but they will not here engage teachers so early. It would be no small advantage to be here in Brunswick through the winter, with the keys of the libraries at command, and, as I should have, all the periodicals, reviews, magazines &c. of the Athenaean Soc. left in my charge.

But it is very doubtful. I ought not to depend upon it. So I am a candidate for a good School 25. to 30. dollars per Month, anywhere. if Down east, so I could go home, so much the better.

Going right off so as soon as this term closes, and not to be here at the beginning of the Next I am going to be entirely independent of the "mammon". I can get some clothes, my necessary books &c. get whatever I must have in short, on tick, as others do, and pay when I come back, if it is not until next February or March. Then, if I have my health, and succeed as well this winter as "may be expected" I shall be able to get along comfortably until next August or September. Then, if I could borrow a hundred dollars, I could probably graduate from Bowdoin College, A.B. &c. !!!

However, I have about made up my mind, a whole year beforehand, not to perform at Commencement; which will save some considerable.

The fact is, Nature and right, made me, my class being as it is, to take, as a scholar, the highest rank among them: Mind, I say as a mere scholar, not in other things. Circumstances prevent me from taking that rank on College Rank books. Knowing this, I am too proud to go on the stage with any part which the Faculty of Bowd. Coll. according to their ranking system would assign to me. So I judge.

"Do you ask what the preventing circumstances are? It is easy to name some of them. One, enough in itself: losing one whole year of the College course: for being absent, is, for all discipline and real benefit, the same as full loss. Second, being absent from College one third at least of of the remainder of the course. One may study out or 'make it up' as it is called. they can easily do it so as to keep along with their class, but as a general thing, they lose it all, after all.
Moreover, there is no denying it, a person's 'name and station' does make a difference, not so much with Students, they are not old enough, not trained in this world's ways enough, to judge so, but with higher powers. A 'novus homo', as we should say in latin, new man, that is one from an unknown family, without a shadow of the claim, (it is, must be, a claim in this world,) which is bestowed by wealth, influence, power, name of family, friends, connections, cannot expect to get along so easy. Whatever he gets in this world, he must get with a strong hand of his own; wherever he gets, he must get by hard crowding himself there. The world is against him.
"The College powers must go on these same principles they must do as the world do, they are dependent on that world. It is the support of that wealth, influence, and family which supports them: they must consider this thing. I do not know but it is their duty to. At any rate they do

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It may be asked, is it it not possible, and is it not duty, to burst through these opposing circumstances, only rising, in might of true strength & genius, more vigorous for the weight of difficulties. Some, mighty in themselves and favored by Providence, have done it. They are the true heroes of this world. But whether J. S. Metcalf is the man to do it is a very, very different thing. To be sure, to try is every one's duty. I do confess my fault in not trying harder. Still, it is but little use for any but the real great man, to struggle against impossibilities! Moreover I am most essentially lacking in two things absolutely necessary. All-grasping Ambition for the self goading stimulus, and indomitable energy, to carry it on. [illegible] a constitutional defect.

I believe the intention with which I began this letter was to write that if you wanted to send any bundle to me this fall, there would be a chance by the boys at Bangor, through those I could name them, about the last week of September. But come to think of the matter, I do not know as there is any thing I need before next spring, except such as I hope you will send often by Mail — letters.

I left some papers at home though which I should much like, if not some books, though probably they are hardly worth the sending.

P. S. just received a nice letter from Lucy. complains that she does not hear from Milo.

I want much to hear myself, from all. Eliab & Jos. health especially

When I went up to Turner I went out into the field and pitched on a load of hay. I am ~~rugged~~ stront enough this summer. How I wanted then to take hold and help Charles at home a week or two. Do, pray. Do write ill how he gets along. I really vex myself considerable about it. I am afraid he will have as [illegible] a time as last year.

Do write to me. If Eliab ha[illegible] gone, use your Motherly authority to have him write

Aff. S. Metcalf

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
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S. S. Metcalf Bowd.
Aug. 10th '46

Bowd. Coll. Aug. 13th, 1846

Dear

Mother. I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and thank you for it.

It is a little strange that my last letter should put you into such a ferment. I wish I had kept a copy of the letter so as to see what I did write. I was not aware that the letter contained any more than I said while at home.

You must have supposed that I meaned more than I said, instead of, as is usually the case with me, saying full as much as I mean.

I have certainly not the slightest idea of leaving to go to another College: Not, though as you hint, because I could not! "Leonard's" certificate of my standing, week from next Tuesday, would admit me with all honor into the Senior Class of any College in the U. S., Yale or Harvard either. But, of course, I have no reason to leave, nothing to gain by leaving. I prefer a Diploma from Bowd. Coll. to one from any College in the U. S. except Old Yale, and that I do not care much and to go there Senior would cost some $200, or 300, more, besides that I would not, on any account, or for any consideration possible hardly, leave "my own class" and all my connections with Old Bowdoin.

As for my deciding not to perform at Commencement it is only this, you may decide whether I am right or not;

circumstances prevent my taking what, in other circumstances, my talents as a Scholar and my rank among my fellows, would unquestionably entitle me to, the far highest rank in my class, that is one of the Orations at Commencement; now I decide, as others for various and less reasons do, not having such part as my rank among my fellows would otherwise entitle me to, not to perform one of the inferior parts, merely to get excused, and take my degree in honorable silence, as the majority of every class usually do.

I had just got so far when I happened to think it was probably not my last letter, of Aug. 10th, that you were talking about, as you could not have received it then. I do not know what you will say to that I think that it was in that I wrote a long "tirade", as Lucy calls it, upon these subjects.
However I guess I will finish this sheet and send it.

As for my rank as a Scholar, it is, as I have said, circumstances only, enough of them too, ill preparation late entering, and much absence, circumstances which have prevented me from taking the highest rank in my class. Still my rank is not low. It is not the highest. It is a second place; though I am considered as a fellow of some mind, and who can get his lessons or any thing else as well as others.

Moreover, many is the hard lesson or hard problem that I have got out for the "rankers": some of them. I believe I am neither "Dull, Stupid, Boorish, or deficient in natural abilities;" "Lazy" I rather expect that I am

What I wrote about the influence of family & standing with the College Government, Professors &c., I intended only as the statement of a general truth, not meaning particularly any application to myself. I do not know but I am treated about as well as could be expected under the circumstances, being "novus homo", a pauper.

I was hardly ever blaming the "Faculty" therefor. As this world goes, they must do so; it may be their duty, that is duty to themselves & the College, to do so. Still its operation is rather hard upon those who most need encouragement and protection, helping those who need no such help.

I believe that I wrote before that I am going to Turner, the first of September or before. If not I should have much liked to go to Mass. in vacation. I think it would do me good to see the "land of my fathers", even if I found there no friends.

As for money, it is any time one of the most convenient things imaginable, for a person in my circumstances, but, if I do well this winter, I think of rubbing on without any, except my wages, until next August or so. That is, if I can once get out of Brunswick, fortnight hence. I suppose I am now indebt near $100,00

I have received letters from Eliab, Lucy, & Joseph, within a week or two. All doing well apparently. I tell you what it is, Mother, considering the advantages your children have had, You have got a "likely family", no mistake, if P. S. is among them. I only wish they had some of the "fixins", some of their inferiors waste! Write soon, Anne write, Mother write. Aff. P. S.

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf.
Milo,
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S. J. Metcalf Bowd
Aug 16 '46

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I wish you would write again soon, next week, as I shall be gone to Turner to Senior Examination in a week from next Tuesday, Aug. 25th. That night, 10 P.M. I shall probably take supper with a part of my class in or near Portland. Go to Turner last of the week

Topsham. Sept. 6th. 1846

My Dear Mother

It is Sabbath morning, but I believe I must write a little to you, just to let you know where I am &c.

I have written once or twice since receiving a letter from Milo I think, but as I wrote last that I was going to Turner a week before this, it is very probable that you have directed letters there which I have not yet received. I wrote that I should probably go to Turner before Commencement. I have had that school on my hands ever since last Fall, and this Summer, went up and made arrangements by which I could go there & leave just when I chose, having another sup-ply my place. I then expected to have a school here or in Brunswick beginning in October, and so go to Turner before Comm. and stay six weeks first. But I found myself obliged to stay at College until after Commencement, partly to help entertain company here from other Colleges, and partly to decide more exactly about the schools. Last week the Topsham Board decided to have their school School begin six weeks earlier, that is tomorrow, and continue five or six months.

I guess I am in debt in Brunswick or shall be in three weeks! not that ~~nearly~~, $100,00!
$60,00 on term bills
And must have a new coat, soon cost $16,00 &c. Must dress better here than off some where you know.
However, I guess my creditors must wait as others do until I get the money.

When shall I get $100,00 next August? To quit College upon.

so I must give up going to Turner at all, or else lose my situation here for all Winter. Fortunately, I found a good teacher to take my place there, and packed him off for Turner yesterday. So I take up my quarters in Topsham, probably till next Spring. My situation here has many advantages. I have thirty dollars per month, to be sure I have to pay my own board out of it; so that I shall clear only twenty three, but no one need tell of that! To say nothing of the advantages of Society and getting acquainted with people, it is no small benefit to be for the whole Fall and Winter so near the Libraries. That is wherein I suffered very much last year; After being away six long months without any new books or periodicals, I must feel a little behind my fellows. It is especially important for me, if I cannot, from unfavorable circumstances, be first scholar, I ought at least to keep up the reputation of general information, literary taste, and superior writing. Now I shall have quite an advantage, as it is arranged to have all the Athenaean periodicals, Reviews, magazines, reprints, &c, left in my charge. It is no small advantage to a literary man to have the first reading of all these things. Moreover, I can, through the whole Fall term, I think, attend the morning recitation in College, Prof. Cleaveland's, the most important of all. I board only a mile from College. To be sure after it gets to be cold weather and short mornings it will be rather unschoolmaster like to get up in the morning

and get over to College before sunrise! But then it is worth a little extra exertion.

It is very possible that I might have made more money at Turner, or by going there a while, for I had the prospect of pretty good writing school there, might perhaps have got 30 or 40 dollars in that way.

However, other advantages more than counter-balance that. I hardly know what my school here is to be, It is a new affair. two or three districts united, and I am to have the best scholars selected from all, any where from 40 to 80 of them.

I think I shall have a good sort of school, though the village has rather a bad reputation in that respect and there are doubtless many troublesome ones.

My wages though small for a school of the character, are three or four dollars per Month higher than paid here before.

M. L. Morse, now A.B., late Pres. Ath. Soc. Bowd. Coll. very fine man, helped me get the school, procured me his old boarding place. he taught in Topsham last winter, boarded here, and is now engaged to one of the young ladies here in the house! Of course, I run no risk of such of such a fate!

Commencement, was perhaps better than usual. It would take two or three sheets to give you an account of it. I will send you a paper with the story sometime in the week. E. L. Browne performed a part, lowest rank, but decent. Mrs. Brown, Frank & Lizzie Quimby were here. I only saw them a little while. I would have

invited, little Miss Lu[illegible] to Athenaean Tea party, Commencement Eve, as their friends are all Peucinians and she could not go, if I had not been very much engaged, and obliged to leave early; ΔKE anniversary same evening, friends from abroad and high time! By the way, when I got to my own room, about 3 o'clock, found @ ΨΥ, Thos. Tash A.M. of Foxcroft Academy, just fairly ensconced in my bed! everyone else is all tired out day. It has been excessively hot, very dusty, besides, However, I believe I feel all the better for the "fatigue" & sleeping on the floor two or three nights, for except of company, How tough I am! weigh 170 lbs. Fat, hearty, and rugged.

One thing about Topsham; it is a great place for Society, social parties, & every thing else. "take too much time & do no good", according to Jos., for one must go, or be Joe. I came over here yesterday P.M. First thing, an invitation to tea, somebody I never saw. I am entirely almost unacquainted here, but people seem determined it shall not be so long, I believe.

I had @ letter from Joseph the other day, just as usual. "very sound" Enclosed $3,00 to me. I received 'tother day' a letter, or rather @ sheet of paper regularly folded, not @ word written thereon, and post marked Greenbush! containing a one dollar bill!. What it could mean! The hand writing, be sure, looked a little like some of our folks, but not exactly; coming from Greenbush! Where is it? up Penobscot?? money extremely convenient, as I was all out at Commencement too.

If you can decipher, or cannot, this mess of scribbled nonsense, I hope you will write immediately, I am very anxious to hear from home, how every thing is getting on. Charles and all his work and so forth. Lucy, I suppose has got home by this time. Joseph wrote he was going home in Sept. I think

P. S. Metcalf Bond
Sept. 8 1846

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
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Letters to me [illegible] may be directed either to Topsham or Brunswick. School prospects [illegible]
[illegible] Uncle, [illegible]
[illegible] P. S. Metcalf

ΦBK [illegible] Boston [illegible] pretty good

Topsham Nov. 15th 1846

Dear Mother.

I received your letter about a week since; it, as usual, did me good. You may not get an answer to it yet, for a week or two. I am intending to send a parcel of letters with a package to Bangor by some one pretty soon.

So though I do not expect to send this immediately, I thought that this Sabbath eve, others having retired, I would scribble off a few lines before getting into bed. My Chamber feels most too cold however, to say nothing of the shadowy spectre, undefined enough, I assure you; of the morning's lesson warning me to bed that I may get up in the morning time enough to study it somewhat.

16th Well — I guess I did not write much last night, and now I find I must send my packet, if at all soon, tomorrow. So, I fear that two or three of the letters I was intending to write will *fail*. Also, I was intending to send unto some of you a Daguerreotype picture of my very important self; But that also it seems will fail; I have 'set' several times but do not get [illegible] any one to suit exactly.

I believe that in your last letter you said some thing about a lack of suitable "food for the mind: Now I am going to send a pretty considerable 'Job' of the very best Eating I have got hold of for a long time.
I was at first thinking of it as a present to Sister Lucy, I hardly know which I want to give it too, most. It will do you both good However both can have the advantage of it: I will send it for both of you
What is it about Joseph's going into business for himself? He has written me never a word of or about it. I should like to hear some thing about the matter.
Please write to me whether and when Almeda goes to Mass, and where she will be there.
(Does Eliab write to you. I know nothing at all about him. I have not heard any thing from him — I do not know when — last Summer sometime, I guess. Joseph never writes a word at all about him or his affairs; in fact hardly even about himself or his own. He writes first rate letters pretty regularly, well filled with all sorts of philosophic, moralizing, metaphysical, Mathematical, literary, scientifical &c. &c speculations and "practicalizations", &c. &c. but apparently studiously refraining from all allusion to any personal circumstances, or those of any of his relatives in the flesh. Much as I like his letters, it almost provokes me sometimes

I wish you would tell Charles of a particular message from me that I want to go to a ——— a — wedding! It is no more than fair if he intends to be married any time this Fall or the coming winter the he should let me know, or at least give me an 'invite' long enough beforehand so that I can make arrangements to leave here, and be there upon the "momentous occasion". If my School is six Mos. long; they will probably want me to have a vacation sometime along.

Come Charles, if you will only be married at Thanksgiving, and let me know it in any decent season, I will [illegible] certainly favor you with my pe mo arly [illegible] and dignified presence an mo coun[illegible]ance, at that same time.

Let me know quick though!

It seems to me that Lucy is almost in danger of losing her good reputation as a letter writer.

I am getting along finely in all respects I guess. My School is a hard bad one. I had nearly 70 Scholars a while. Last week was very much relieved by the riddance of 20 of the youngest removed to another School.

It is after 11. I am getting chilly — I guess I will write no more tonight —

Please write to me — soon, frequently, and much — any write.

M. J. C.

J. S. Metcalf Topsham
Nov. 15th '46

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo Maine

overlooked by J.

Topsham, Dec. 6th 1846.

Dear Mother

It seems to be a great while since I have heard from any of you: it is more than a month I guess since I have heard at all from Milo. I have been 'threatening' to be home sick for a long time, and really came pretty near it on Thanksgiving day, I had been so expecting letters and received none. I do not know but I should have been homesick Thanksgiving day, if I had not happened to get into rather pleasant company. Thanksgiving is certainly the very bluest time of the whole year for one away from home. To be sure, both last year and this I have happened to be thrown into very pleasant society, pleasant families &c. What sort of a Thanksgiving did you have at Milo? Were you and Lucy and Charles all alone there? When is Charles going to get married? You know I offered to go home at Thanksgiving if he would have the wedding then. I kept right on with my school; had no vacation then, but rather expect now to have a short one along last of the month, say about Christmas. I expect I shall have to go on to Yale College about that time, on some Society business. It will perhaps cost me some $20,00 or $30,00. I do not know exactly how much, but

perhaps it may mostly be made up to me in the Spring and I guess it will not do me any hurt in the end even if it should take a few dollars out of my own private pocket.

I received the other day at Androscoggin Bank Topsham $40,00. being my first three months wages, which I drew an order for before my school was done. Of it $21,00 belongs to my three months board. $17,25 my summer's board. Some 25, or 30, dolls I was owing for Clothes &c. $5, for Boots & Shoes, 3 for hat &c. $5,00 to the Bookbinder. $5,00 for Books & Stationery, some $5,00 or 10,00 Society dues &c. in College, and I know not how much, less than $100,00 though I guess on my College Bills.

However, I do not intend to pay them all just now.

Joseph & Eliab wrote to me that Sister Almeda and her two children had gone to Mass to spend the winter. When do you suppose I should have heard of it from you Milo folks? Where is Almeda going? to Royalston & Warwick? Or among the Searles? Or all round the lot? Where direct letters to her? She ought to write to me, I think. I suppose if I went all over Mass. & Conn. by railroad I should stand no chance of seeing her. How did little James like the idea of being left behind? I expect he is rather a good little boy. is he not? And how is that little Jenny? you know she is a favorite of mine. Do they go to school this winter? and

who keeps the School? I should think Charles would have considerable to do to take care of all the chores. I suppose he has to tend cattle at both barns does he not? I guess he is not likely to do much of any thing else this winter; and will need a small boy to help him at that; perhaps he has.

How often does he have to go down to the Village?

What in the name of all that is comely or of good report among brethren has become of my sister Lucy? It is less than an age since I have heard at all from her, or seen a word of her writing. I believe I did see a scrap of her writing in a letter from Anne sometime when she was at Bangor, last summer, was it?

I rather think that Joseph is likely to do pretty well in his business. You may trust him as far as any one for knowing on which side his bread is buttered. The most I fear for him is his wearing out his soul mind in the vexations & toils of business affairs; growing old before his time. That is of much more consequence than any thing that perishes with this short life, even bodily health — it is the health and well being of the nobler part, the intellect.

It seems to me it must be the effect of the constant turmoil of business, perhaps to smooth & polish, even by its constant rough attrition, but still to wear down the mind perhaps to set it on edge like sour vinegar the teeth.

If I send this sheet so, please excuse it, and write Lucy write.

Abb. J. S.

P. S. Metcalf Topsham
Dec. 6 '46

Mr. Chas. W. Rich
Milo Maine

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J. L. Metcalf Topsham
Dec. 13 1846

Topsham Dec. 13th, 1846

Dear Mother,

I received your excellent and most welcome letter yesterday. I had been expecting a letter for a good while, in fact had got entirely out of patience of waiting, and three or four days before had written again to Milo, which it seems however you had not received when you wrote. It must have been not far off though.

It seems you had quite a Thanksgiving at Milo after all. I did not know whether the boys were going up or not. I wanted much to go home, probably should if I had not been quite so poor.

However, now I find I have got to go on to Yale College, it is perhaps better, for now I can better have a vacation. Next week. I guess I shall start Monday Dec. 21st, and go right on to Yale by Rail Road shortest cheapest route, be there Wednesday perhaps Thursday also and get back the best way I can.

If Almeda is in Boston at that time I will make arrangements to stop and call upon her. I suppose likely the shortest route from Bos-ton

will be by the way of Worcester and Springfield, & Hartford Rail Roads. How far would that be from Royalston & thereabouts? Would it not be a nice plan, if I could only have a fortnight's vacation, instead of a week, and (a much more important "if") if I only had a little money of my own to spend for me to visit some of the folks there?

You ask why I go to Yale. It is to be a sort of a Convention, a great meeting of ΔKE from different Institutions. I am to represent Old Bowdoin there. It will be a great time, I assure you. "A real high old time" as my fellow boarder the "Capling" Merrill would say.

It appears that Lucy is to be at Bangor this Winter! I am really glad of it; that is if you can get along without her at home. I think it is just exactly what she needs. What sort of a chance will she have to get into Society there?

I think she ought to write to me long before this time. It is long since I have heard a word from her. She does not write so well as she used to.

I have an idea to go to Royalston & Warwick, but I suppose it will not do. What sort of a thing is that little Fanny? as good as she was last Spring? You know she is a real favorite of mine. I want you should do really well by her. Do you not like her better than little James? I think though that he is a good little fellow; the best of the lot of them. . .

It is said that an arrangement has been, or is being entered into, by the which this Institution of our Bowd Coll. is to be made a thoroughly Orthodox Institution.
The Board of Trustees & Overseers you know have been partly Unitarians, and the College partly under their influence. This is to be given up. The Unitarians have agreed to sign off somehow. The influence of my good friend Mr Wheeler, the U. clergyman of Topsham, the father of my little brother Charley, has been beneficial to that effect. He says he is satisfied with one Unitarian College in N.E. (Harvard you know), is willing this should be under control of the Orthodox, only let it be liberal and give all denominations a fair chance. I guess all the Unitarians agree to sign it except old Dr Nichols of Portland who is rather offish. The Orthodox on their part agree to get up $50000,00 for the College within two years, to finish off the Chapel, perhaps endow a new Professorship. Prof Upham I guess carries it; is very anxious for it; gives $5000,00 himself, perhaps more.
I expect Prof Upham is rather wealthy: he has made a great deal by his books, is writing all the time, makes one or two thousand dolls. per year copy rights.
This Dec. 16th. is our College Examination day. I went over before breakfast & passed firstrate in Astronomy, let the rest wait till next spring. I expect I shall feel quite relieved at having no more going to Coll before breakfast. Next week vacation too.
By the way I had almost a touch of rebellion in my school yesterday. It is a very bad school, and I

have before had occasion to thresh a few and even turn out one or two. Yesterday a case of disobedience &c. Attempted discipline, and there was resistance, refusal to submit. I took the chap by the collar, as he raised his fists to defend himself, rapped him a few over head ears & said fists, put my ~~foot~~ toe against his foot, and let him fall pretty heavily upon the floor once or twice, then put him in his seat, and there he has behaved very decently since.

More, while correcting him, half a dozen other chaps, got up & said "that's enough." Therefore I threshed him a little longer, and then gave them a pretty serious lecture. There is about the worst set of fellows among them that I ever saw any where. One of them weighs 214 lbs. too. However, they are somewhat afraid of me!

I do not know as I shall know where to find Almeda if she is in Boston. I start Mond 21st.

In great haste, just going out to spend evening.

Do write to me soon & often

Aff. J. S. M.

Topsham, Dec. 27th, 1846

Dear Mother,

It is not long since I wrote to you I believe, only just before my journey, and since I have heard from you; but I suppose you would like to hear from my adventures; and I should think as you are most all alone, your children gone away, that you would feel sort of lonely and like to receive letters — just as I do.

So I will write again.

My Journey ——— I started by Stage Dec 20th Sabbath Eve at 10 1/2 o'clock. (By starting then I could be in Boston 1/2 a day to see Almeda; if I waited till morning, I must go straight through to get to New Haven in season.

Got to Portland at 3. A.M. Got into the Cars at 7 1/2 A.M. Upper Route for Boston, arrived there at 12 1/2 P.M. Found Almeda & Children all well & Lizzy getting fat again very fast, just been vaccinated &c. Doctor charged her nothing, only 1.00 for Vaccination. Going to Sutton soon, waiting for letter from Joseph. Called with Almeda at Mrs. Child's, and at Mr. Caleb Metcalf's. Allen St. Mr M unwell Rheumatic Fever. &c. Tuesday Rail Road to Worcester, to Springfield, to Hartford, to New Haven, where arrived 4 1/2 P.M. quite a long ride for one day.

(New) Haven is very pleasant place, must be delightful in the summer season; beautiful buildings and abounding in trees. Colleges are a great affair about four old as Bowdoin, and all so wealthy there too. Societies so wealthy, Hall &c fitted up at an expense to be reckoned at thousands.

I staid at New Haven one day & two nights. Attended a great meeting of ΔKE there. After ~~dinner~~ business

initiations &c. &c. A great dinner at Midnight, got up on the greatest scale you ever saw, courses by the dozen all kinds of game and fish, delicacies of all sorts. &c. Bill of fare half as long as a man's arm.

Toasts, speeches, and songs, jokes &c. in abundance, No drinking of any thing ardent, true ΔKE!!!

In the morning took the cars again, Worcester at 4½ P.M. Found Cousin Caleb B. Metcalf there. He has Mastership in one of the Public Schools there, Salary 1000 per year. Has bought him a fine house, I should think likely he has a fine sort of wife, a New Haven lady, daughter of a Professor there. Has no Children. Stopped with him over night. Went to Lyceum, Lecture by Rev. Dr. Wayland, President of Brown University R.I. Subject Patriotism.

Got to Boston you all A.M next morning. Christmas day had to make the children Christmas gifts. &c. they are going to Sutton Monday 28th. All very well.

Found by C. B. Metcalf's [illegible] Cousin Enoch Metcalf He has lately returned from St. Louis Missouri, has one child born a Missourian: is temporarily engaged in a dry goods store at 339 Washington Street.

What sort of (a) man is Chauncey Chase. I did not like [illegible] much, [illegible] there at Supper Monday. I do not [illegible] he hardly spoke to me at all. [illegible] a [illegible] woman. I concluded Mr. Chase did not want me there if he did [illegible] da. Miss Chase invited me to stop there, [illegible], but I went down to the U. S. Hotel, paid one dollar for lodging & breakfast. Rates at New Haven the same, $2,00 per day for board.

I started from Boston 2½ P.M. Railroad Lower route, by R. R. & Stage arrived at Brunswick Friday night at two or three o'clock in the morning, and then slept till near noon, Saturday.

Had quite (a) journey, pleasant one generally somewhat tiresome, up so much nights. Expenses in all amounted to some $2[illegible], [illegible] or [illegible]30,00 dollars. Part at least however [illegible] will [illegible] refunded to me, in the spring.

Found there (a) letter from [illegible], [illegible] news, She seems to be enjoying herself and doing [illegible] I should think. Most anxious about your [illegible] along alone.

(I dread awfully to go into my school again however, the worst things must have an end.

I do not know as there is any thing in this letter worth reading, but perhaps you will like to hear of my journey. I hope you will write soon and often.

Your Af. Son

[illegible] Metcalf

[illegible] of [illegible] up (a school or (a boarding house) something

J. S. Metcalf Topsham
Dec. 26 '46

Mrs. A. M. Metcalf
Mile
Maine

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Bowd. Coll. Feb. 28th 1847

Dear Mother,

I received your last letter, ~~about one week,~~ a few days since, and much rejoiced was I thereat I assure you. I had begun to get tired of waiting so long, near five weeks since I wrote last. However, it seems you waited to announce the wedding. Well, I am glad to hear of it, but sorry and some vexed that I cannot be there upon the interesting occasion. I had (a) great mind to start right off and go, but I suppose it would not do at all: even one weeks loss of these lectures, to say nothing of the absoluteness of the "pecuniary negative".

I suppose that ~~before~~ at this time I am writing you are there together, the girls, perhaps the boys too, returned home, and all enjoying yourselves finely.

If I were ever in the habit of being otherwise than contented, and happy, in spite of fortune & circumstance I really do not know but I should be, or want to be, 'homesick'. However, not being able to do as I wish I must do as I can, that is, if I can!

I am glad that Charles has sold the colt, though I seem to think he ought to have brought a higher price than 75,00 It seems hay is very low there. How much had Chas. to sell? If he

S. S. Metcalf
Feb. 28 '47
Bowd

This Letter is in a hurry for P.O. hours Excuse it S. S.

only had abundance of grain now, it would be worth while, would it it? How much the United States are being enriched by this Flour business. The wealth of Europe is pouring into America. It is horrible though to think of the Starvation in Ireland & other Countries of Europe. I see it stated in a Speech made in Faneuil Hall at a great 'Irish Relief Meeting' for subscriptions to send to Ireland, that every barrell of Flour sent to the poor of Ireland would preserve a human life! only think of it! My health is very good indeed, I gained 6 or 7 lbs. in weight in a fortnight after my School closed. I weigh now upwards of 170 lbs. rugged and hearty as you please. and my whiskers the envy of half my class to boot!

As for hurting myself at study, I guess there is no danger of that. I have already 'made up' all my last term's studies, and passed examination on them, the last yesterday. For the regular studies of my class, I do not have to study much, only a steady routine of lectures & recitations. I spend a great part of my time in reading nowadays,

Our studies this year do not require a great deal of time. the lectures & readings are the most important.

What should you think of my starting right off before the week is out, to take an Academy in New Hampshire for Six Months, then come back Commencement week, pass Examination & take my degree? I some expect the chance, and I could do it. I cannot get a 1st Oration, if I stay, I wouldn't take any thing else. Most lost would be Reading, that I could do after graduating, and how I shall I hope many. I may go. J.S.

Orono Me. March 17th. 1847

Dear Mother,

I do not know whether you have heard of my present whereabouts, or whether this letter may take you entirely by surprise.

However, here I am, at Orono, or, as I suppose it is more frequently called Lower Stillwater, about seven miles from Bangor, comfortably established, boarding at what is called a "verry nice place", at Dr. Ricker's, and teaching a great "High School". High School, both as being Up Stairs, and as having a high teacher, just from old Bowdoin, and an abundance of high scholars, or those who I suppose think themselves such.

I decided to come here last Friday March 12th, just before noon, started at six P.M. by Stage, at ~~Portland~~ Augusta, at 12 P.M. till 9 A.M. Saturday. By Mail Stage to Bangor where I arrived at 8½ P.M. and remained until 4 P.M. Monday March 15th.

I can assure you, or you can well imagine ~~that~~ I wanted to go up to Milo dreadfully, but could in no manner attain to it, as I was already one day behind my time, and if I remained even a single day longer, should probably have lost the whole concern of my school.

If I could only have known that I was coming this way, or thought of it a week sooner, I should have started in season to have made a visit to Milo, and been present upon the "Momentous occasion" as Joseph calls it.

Anne, Joseph and Eliab, I found just returned from Milo, I spent part of the Sabbath with Joseph, part with Anne and the night with Eliab, and Monday forenoon in loafing about at Joseph's & Eliab's stores, at Anne's school-room, and called upon Nat. Harlow's, Jones P. Veazie's, and Mr Pomroy's.

I came up here Monday P.M. and found the people extremely glad to see me, I suppose having feared they had lost their 'Master.'

I began school Tuesday morning with 44 scholars, in the afternoon 46 and today upwards of 50.

I have $ 3,00 per quarter, $,25 per week, or $1,00 per month for each scholar, My board costs $2,00 per week other expenses of room, if I have to pay any rent, wood &c. probably amount to $,50 per week, All $10,00 per month. So that if I average 40 scholars, I shall clear $30,00 per month, if 50 scholars which seems more at least probable, I should clear $40,00 per month. $100, in two and a half months, which is all the time I intend to remain here. As for security, it is said there is not one not as good as sure as can be; besides at the last of May, when I shall get through, every man's pocket here is full of Cash.

I like the appearance of people here much, so far, and they were spoken of very highly to me before-hand, by Wm. A. Pond, who taught a town school here ~~this~~ past ~~Winter~~, and others. The Scholars appear first rate; many of them are quite forward, and all seem well disposed. Last Evening I was invited in to Squire Wilson's, who was one of the projectors of the school. found the Congregationalist Choir, quite a large proportion of them I recognized as my scholars, and about as good looking a sett of young persons as one often sees.

The next thing — I meaned it the first thing — is, How is that Sister Lucy? I was pained to learn on arriving at Bangor that she had been unwell, and was not yet wholly recovered. How I do want to see her, as well as Dear Mother! I suppose I shall not be able to go to Milo until my school is through, last of May, but if Lucy returns to Bangor, I think I shall slope thither as soon as possible.

My best compliments &c. &c. to the Bride and Bridegroom. Should much admire could I be there &c. However "I'm coming", if nothing happens.

Has Miss Quimby returned to Bangor? If not, Love of I. S. Metcalf &c.!

And now do, for pity's sake, let me hear from you, and that soon, and frequently. Lucy, Lucy, If you have not given up writing altogether, do write to me. In haste, Good bye

I. S. Metcalf.

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

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J. S. Metcalf Orono
March 17 '47

Orono. April 4th. 1847

Mother.

"That word; some one has said, I think it was that noble souled Lovejoy who was martyred at Alton, Illinois; that word needs no "Dear" before it. It expresses all without.

I received letters from you and Lucy about a week ago; and much good they did me too. It seemed almost an age since I had heard from you. I had heard though to be sure by the boys at Bangor, whom I saw the day they left Milo, after the wedding. But then, you know if I could not go to see "Mother & Lucy", I wanted at least to receive letters from them.

However, those letters were exactly what I had been aching for, for two long weeks; and you know that time always seems longer, when one is in a new place, before getting much acquainted; especially if one does not hear at all from former acquaintances; and I had been here almost a fortnight before I heard a single word from Milo, or from my other home & Mother "Old Bowdoin", where I had left many things from which I was anxious to hear soon.

If I thought that Lucy was, or would be @ Bangor, I think I should go down there Fast Day.

You can hardly imagine how impatient I am to be able to go to Milo; At first I hardly knew as I should make out to keep up any degree of patience, but I begin to get a good deal interested, and to like my situation very much. I have got one of the very best and very pleasantest schools that ever was seen. I have about forty five scholars, and most of them very good ones some very forward. About twenty of them are young ladies grown up, and such are altogether the best scholars generally, if one knows how to get along with them just right. They are easiest to govern; that is, if they need any governing; have a much better sense of propriety than young men generally, less of that stubborn independence in wrong oftener than right which leads young men and their teachers into so much trouble. They are also easier to interest in studies or any thing good, though perhaps to be sure, less likely to retain an interest if once excited, but with less to distract the mind. Most of my best classes are mostly young ladies. Another thing will perhaps amuse you — My School is closed every day with singing! Pretty well, considering my musical capacities, is it not? The young ladies do it entirely among themselves, and it succeeds finely. Some eight or ten of them, are superior singers, the best part of two or three village Choirs. I think it is a fine thing for the School, and pleases the scholars finely. It tends to cultivate & strengthen a good feeling among them.

It will certainly be extremely convenient for me if Charles can furnish me with some seventy five or one hundred dollars in June or July. That amount at least I must have from some source, in addition to what I shall obtain here; and I rather think, as you say, that I ought to have it from Milo, from the Old Farm. There is certainly property enough there in some shape. It is generally considered that a Young Man does pretty well, what indeed very few indeed do, if he Educates himself liberally by his own exertions, or even mostly; Even if he has a few hundred dollars help from some benevolent Society. At any rate, it is not generally expected that a young man do more, if his relatives are in any sort of comfortable living circumstances. Now, since I was twenty, or about twenty one years old, I earned one year some more than one hundred dollars in Cash, from which I certainly never received any thing to help about going to College; and did one stout Summer's work, or from Jan. to Sept. (and much of the time ^during Summer^ more work than a common Man does or ought to do), on, and about the Old Farm there; before I thought of going to College. Then the year before I entered College, at Foxcroft; in the Academy & Village School, &c. I guess I did as much as pay all my expenses. When I entered College, I had ^just^ twenty dollars Mrs. Childs sent, have received some ^little^ from her since: besides that extremely little. It is curious how well I have got along: how favorable circumstances ^& Providence^ have been. Since entering Coll. I guess I have earned $400, besides keeping my Class

I suppose likely, in the peculiar circumstances, I hardly know why it should be, but suppose it is so, that it would or will be difficult for Charles, or any body else to furnish me with the money this summer.

The suppose too, that I could hire the money perhaps. I guess I could find those who would hire it to me. Guess old Frost in Topsham would, perhaps somebody in Bangor would; perhaps the Colburns here in Orono would; and, if I have my health and strength, and God blesses me as he has done, I could soon earn money, and pay it. But, then, I am twenty five years old already; the most valuable portion of my life is fast passing away; and I ought not to be obliged to spend the prime of my strength, physical or intellectual, in some temporary employment to earn money to pay debts!

Still, all that, one way or the other, does not trouble me much. I can earn money any time, or do without. What does trouble me is, — What shall I do in the World? I ought to have some fixed object in view to bend all my energies towards. What shall it be? You might say the ministry — but I am not fit for it, and in more respects than one or two; should not be successful in it, in any respect — I think I might be successful as a Physician or Surgeon; that my mind would be fitted for it, &c. perhaps. But it is by far the most expensive of all the professions, to study as I should want to. I would not be such a Doctor as Dr Kimball for instance. I would rather be a day laborer I think. Besides, I might not be able to convince myself sufficiently of the the truths on which the science of Medecine is founded in order ever to enjoy myself in it. Then, it would take three or four years of study, and then years — years — no one knows how long, before one could be started, enough to establish himself in life; And I am 25!

I.S. Metcalf Orono
Apr. 4 '47

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Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo Maine

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I would, for the first thing, throw myself towards the mighty West, into the almost boundless Wisconsin or Iowa, or even across the Continent, beyond the eternal bulwark of the mountains, into the New World of Oregon or California; ~~if it were not that I like~~ there to hew out for myself, in some way, or in some path, (in a New World there are always ways & paths enough): a name and an inheritance among the sons of men, a place to employ, for the good of myself and my fellow beings, the "One talent" that my God has given me:

I would do this, I say, if it were not, that I like not, myself to separate myself thus so greatly from those to whom God and Nature have bound me by the ties of birth & Affection.

As Joseph wrote to me once, if Relatives & Friends were given to us as blessings, we ought not, rashly at least, to throw them away, or throw ourselves from them.

But in New England prospects are certainly slim, in almost any path of life, for Young Men of Moderate Abilities, & all the tastes & habits of Educated life.

What shall I do. I can not well be a Physician; I am not fit for a Minister; I should probably starve to death as a lawyer; and I see no chance of getting an Office!

You say you are going to be lonely there after Lucy is gone. Why need you to be? I expect you will fret yourself merely because you do not have every thing to do yourself! Why can not you be contented, after having done your share of Labor, to sit, and look on, and see most any body else do it, even if they could not do it quite as well as you could?

At any rate I wish you would occupy yourself a little more in writing to your Children!

Do Write frequently.

Aff. Son J. T. Metcalf.

C. S. Metcalf Orono April 25th '47

Orono, April 25th, 1847

Dear Mother,

I received your last letter a few days since, and was as usual much gratified thereby. Nothing hardly seems to do me quite so much good as the reception of letters, especially from home; or, indeed those filled with good news, from dear friends any where. I do not believe that one hundred dollars of money, much as I need it, would have made me feel so well, for the present at least, as the letters, or rather the news I received in the letters from College last week. You will say, "Why, what was it?" and then if you were told, perhaps, Why, what is that to you? So, I do not know as it is much use to tell you. It was simply the assignment of parts, that is of the College honors, in the next Class. Which came out exactly to suit me, just exactly as I thought right; in favor of my Secret Society, and especially of my particular friend Case, of Levant. So the College honors in the next Class, Junior Class, stand thus among the four Secret Societies and &c.

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I knew it ought to be so, but there has been so many influences at work, so much cunning, that we are often tempted to lose our faith in such things in the Old

proverb, "that honesty is the best policy."
However it seems it has turned out true once more
But I am only wearying your patience with that which is of course of no manner of interest to you.

Well, you may probably expect to see me at Milo in a little more than a fortnight. I shall probably close my School at the expiration of two months, or on the eighth day of May: and go to Milo perhaps about the tenth or Eleventh.

When I came here, I expected likely to stay two months and a half, but the number of scholars is dropping off considerable, so that it will not be worth a while, I think.

At first I hardly knew what was the matter to find Scholars leaving one after another, I did not know but there was some dissatisfaction. but I find, "it is the way here." I am assured both by my Scholars and by others, on all hands that I am most universally and perfectly popular as a teacher. But the way is here, All begin to go to school; but as soon as the warm weather comes on, and the river opens, the young men begin to leave, some to work in the Mills & about the water &c. &c. and some because the want to play out doors, and their parents cannot keep them in &c. &c.

So they say that I have done unusually well in the school up in numbers so well and so long, and yet I have lost just about one half of the young men who began to attend.
One thing is flattering however, that not a single one of the young ladies has left except one who is sick! So, I have only about 35 or 36 scholars for the last part of the time. I ought to have been informed of the matter beforehand, but if I had I probably should not have come. I was somewhat inclined to be a bit provoked at the man who wrote to me, and who knew all about it, that he did not state the case fairly, and when I found the scholars leaving so to quit after the six weeks. But the school that is left seemed to be getting so finely, and to feel so bad about the school closing any time soon, that I thought I would stay, if I did not get quite so large wages, as I expected.

You wish Eliab would be more se-rious. Why? He is, I presume, perfectly steady! and if he enjoys himself highly, in his way, so much the better, is it not? He is certainly a very fine young man, successful, much liked by his employers; liked by all who trade with him, and generally popular, confided in, and esteemed. & quite bears a high character, with all who know him and that is not a few, as a young man of good abilities & high promise. What more do you want?

Joseph is not one to be as generally universally known and appreciated as Eliab perhaps. But those who do know him, will perhaps appreciate him still highter, as not only one smart, capable and to be confided in, but also as accurate and profound in whatever he takes hold off. I find that those who know Joseph, perhaps the number is not very large, ratte him very high.

Eliab is known and esteemed by all.

How shall I get up to Milo? Does Charles ever come to Bangor about that time? I rather want to go up to Milo, by way of Argyle, Lagrange & through Orneville perhaps. think some after my school closes. of walking up round that way, to see the country &c. And I can send my trunk to Bangor. Excuse this hasty scribbling of a letter. I hope you will write again soon, if Charles is coming down any time then, I should like to hear of it. so I could at least send my trunk by him. little difference though.

Affectionately J. S. H[illegible]

Bowd. Coll. June 6th, 1847

Dear Mother.

I suppose you would like to hear pretty soon of my arrival at Old Bowd. &c.

I found at Bangor that the fares down the Kennebec were considerable higher than last year, so that route would cost considerable more than that by Portland: Moreover, Case, Rich, and others, wished to go by Stboat. So I spent all day Thursday in Bangor, loafing about & Friday morning took the Governor for Portland, It was rainy and quite rough. I had not slept very much the night before, so stowed myself away and slept most all the afternoon, thus avoiding Sea Sickness. The next day, yesterday, Case & I walked out here from Portland, We got pretty well tired of it too, I assure you, before we arrived here. However, we "took it easy", and perhaps we may feel all the better for it — by & by.

I find things here in about the usual shape, No more of my matters "appropriated" than I expected.

Some of my Classmates, I had heard were sick, threatened with Consumption. S. J. Pike of Brunswick, it is hoped is better it is thought he may possibly recover. My Friend Henry J. Ware of Athens is is reported is in the last stages, given over by Physicians. One of my Classmates also, John Rogers of Bath has gone off to Europe to spend the Summer, so he will not Graduate until next Year. It is an unfortunate Class.

One thing Joseph told me about, and wanted I should write to you and Charles about, now before I forget it. I never thought of it until Joseph told me, and gave me the proof. Those buildings there, house & barn are insured, and you are paying premiums, assessments or whatever, I do not know how much or how often, upon & for the Insurance. The Insurance policy is for Buildings of Chas. W. Rich. At the same time Deeds regularly recorded & registered show that said property belongs to some one else. Of course, the Insurance is good for exactly nothing at all. Numerous instances show it conclusively. How foolish it is to be thus paying money for what is worse than nothing.

Moreover that property ought to be insured. You would all of you be badly off, if those buildings were consumed and you had nothing to rebuild with. To say nothing of your Creditors, for whose interests you ought to think somewhat.

Moreover, it will of course do no good to make a transfer of property with the same Policy. There must be a new Policy of Insurance, ought to be in name of A. M. Metcalf, then to be transferred to C. W. Rich whenever the property affairs are settled, which they surely ought to be.

As for how those things should be settled, I am sure I do not know. Charles thinks one third part of the farm is not worth more than about $ 500,00 I do not know as it is as Real Estate is valued there now. It ought to be, though. Real estate must be surprisingly low in Milo. Any where in Foxcroft or Dover the same property would be worth at least three times as much, and is there fast rising too. It must rise a good deal in Milo before many years I should think.

if the Real Estate is estimated at $500,00, the whole personal property would amount to something over $200,00 or $300,00 more I should suppose. If that ought to be reckoned to the Household furniture &c. as well as the Cattle &c. and I see not why it should not, that is unless Mother wishes to keep all the furniture &c. in her own hands. and methinks she needs it not so much as the newly married couple, unless they are intending to fit up their house anew, and in style, which would cost towards $1000,00; I believe it is estimated that the cost of furnishing a house properly & suitably should be rather more than the cost of the house.

Supposing the Amount or estimated value of Mothers property settled there are difficulties in the way of almost any way I can think of of settling up the Affair. Charles, I suppose wishes the farm &c. in his possession. H. neither wishes to sell or to divide. He does not feel able at present to buy right out. To simply pay the interest every year, would not answer; it would of course leave the ownership of the property not in his hands, which I suppose he wants. The only feasible way I think of is an Annuity in some shape. It could be made a life Annuity, on the Life Assurance principles, but with some fuss: and moreover that would be hardly fair as it respects Mother's unmarried daughters who are unprovided for. How would an Annuity for ~~$~~ 20 years answer? $700, for twenty years would be ~~too~~ towards $70, per year I believe, ~~at 5 per cent. less~~ than 6%, say 5½,

I should think it ought not to be less than that. It is certainly reckoning the property at a very low rate, whether we consider what it has cost, or its present aspect. It is rather a hard business on both sides to be sure.

I hardly see what I am to do for money. I expect I must have about $100,00 dollars before the 1st of Sept. in order to pay up all my bills here, and Graduate with my Class. I hoped it ~~can~~ last winter it could be a little less than that, upon present appearances it is rather likely to be more. I have certainly been very economical, people hardly believe me, when I say that I in my college course have earned money to meet all my Expenses within $100,00.

But where is the $100,00 to come from?

I suppose Lucy will be at home this week, probably when this reaches there. I do not mean to write to her much just this time in this paper, but rather conclude she better write to me. It seems a great while since she has written. If any of those letters arrived at Milo since I left there were for me, I think they had better be sent on this way immediately, with additions &c. perhaps. I want to know whether Lucy took cold that Afternoon I feared she would. Also all about the ——— Allie, or whatever name it goes by. Lucy, now give me the whole story, do. Do not be afraid of using up more than one sheet of paper! All of you must write to me Often.

Lucas Jackson 6th

Bowd. Coll. July 18th. 1847

Dear Mother,

You can hardly imagine how much I was gratified at receiving yesterday a letter from Milo. I had almost began to doubt the existence of any such place, or at least of any people dwelling there. I had been in Brunswick six full weeks, and had heard never a word from there, although I had written two or three times I believe. However, perhaps I was glad enough at receiving the letter at last to make up for some of the waiting. However if it is to be so long before I receive answers to letters, I think I do well to write pretty soon after receiving one.

As for my health, about which you always appear to feel so much anxiety, I have the pleasure of informing you that I never enjoyed better in my life. I am perfectly well, stout, rugged, and healthy, eat like an ox, and sleep accordingly; can tire out my fellows at most any thing, and not worry me; swim three hours per diem, (if I choose), and feel all the better for it. On the whole, I study some, read more, and get along very comfortably, except when some unlucky circumstance slightly reminds me of pecuniary affairs; but even that, for one as good natured & careless as I am, never lasts a great while. Did I understand you that you hoped I would have one severe fit of sickness just to teach me to take care of my health?! I AM careful.

As to what I am to do, or how I am to do it, I am sure I know
not. I suppose, if I can get along no other way, I might bor
row money enough to get away from Brunswick, leaving
my bills all unpaid, of one of the boys; though it might per
haps be some inconvenience to them. What I am to go to
doing I am sure I do not know, & cannot tell or guess.
I had about made up my mind, that, now, as I had got
my education, and begun to be in a situation to be a little
independent, that is, in degree, that I would teach school no
more. I really do not like it very well, am not at all
inclined to adopt teaching as a profession, or permanent
business, and do not think it well to spend time, more
than one can help, in any such by-play. Teaching is cer
tainly not of very much benefit as a preparation for any
other occupation or mode of life. Still I may be obliged
to teach a little more; if I should go West immediately
I should probably have to teach at first. But I do
not want to. I should like to go upon a Rail-
Road, to study engineering, think I should be pretty well
fitted for that, and stand some chance of succeeding. But I do
not know as there is much chance of my being able to make
a beginning, to get into a situation. I am not ~~[illegible]~~
able to go into the office of some great N. York engineer,
and study there two or three years, to come out a fully ^theoretically^ fledged
Engineer at once. My way, & much the best way, would be
to get into a situation on some Rail Rail as assistant,
where I could be learning the profession practically in the best
method, and at the same time receiving constant wages.
I want to be a practically rather than a theoretical Engineer.

But it is not very likely perhaps that I can get such a situation right away; There are many who want just such situations. And as long as it is the influence of rich men, R. R. Directors &c. which procures situations for relatives & favorites, rather than real fitness, education, or abilities; I am perhaps not very likely to succeed; as the said Rich men's influence happens to be the very article in which I am poorest; more so even than in money, for that I can ~~easily~~ earn ~~obtain~~. The other there are two ways in which people possess it. Most who have it, have it by right of birth: that I certainly have not. Some can obtain it by that sort of "faculty for good graces" which some possess, or by "bending the pliant hinges of the knee, where thrift may follow fawning ~~[illegible]~~"; With the first I take it nature has not gifted me; if indeed it be any thing different from the latter, for which I am far too independent to try.

(This day is Sabbath, July 18th, One week from Tuesday, or the 27th I shall get through with Bowdoin College. If I should go home should probably go in the course of that week, in about one week after this letter will reach you. If I can find any thing to do I shall not go home; if I cannot, perhaps I shall, though if I had a little money I think I should go to Mass. first.

I have been pulling all the strings I knew how to get hold of, only three or four, to try to get upon a R. Road, immediately.

I had a letter from Uncle Joseph Stevens a short time since I wrote to him about the R. R. business there. He wrote as soon as he got my letter, very kindly, approved my ideas, if he could do any thing for me he would try. The Engineers had left his vicinity; but he was acquainted with some, on other roads &c. He would see some of them &c.

He wrote that he had lately received a letter from you, from which he learned that Charles was married three month, before.
Said he supposed "they did not want to write till they found whether he lived"! &c. Wanted me to come there as soon as I am "dismissed" &c. I wrote to an Engineer on the Portsmouth & Concord Rail Road with whom I was somewhat acquainted, and received a rather discouraging though friendly reply from him.

Lucy, I have thought it a little strange that you have not written a little more lately.
Joseph's Herbarium (I hope you have not written to him about it, although I intended to have told him) is at Bowd. Coll. and is receiving large and valuable additions.
Are you botanizing much this Summer, I think you had better. Have you a Bigelow? You ought to have.
How many letters have I written to you that you have never answered?

If I should come home next week, I should hope you will not begin to arrange plants in your new Herbarium till I arrive. Study & preserve them.

I can get 4 or 5 dollars for my Carpet and guess I had better sell it here. It is so much worn it would not do you great service, if you could cut it up to advantage for one of your rooms. I shall have some things to bring or send home

I believe I have about written out my paper and the daylight, if not my ideas

Aff. J. G. Metcalf.

Saco July 10th / 47

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Warwick, Sept. 10th 1847

Dear Mother,

I received a letter from you, or rather from Lucy, the morning I left Brunswick, and I believe, wrote something in answer to it; but, I suppose you would like to hear some account of my doings and peregrinations, and observations since then. Well, suppose I begin at the beginning, and tell the whole story.

Friday morning, Sept. 3d, I left Old Bowdoin perhaps for the last time, by Stage for Bath $.50 Then a ticket for Boston for $1.50, Steamboat Huntress to Portland, the Rail Road to Boston, where we arrived at 9. P.M. and I stopped at the Marlboro Hotel, intending to go Sat. by R.R. & Stage to Northfield. But by mistake of my Landlord, or rather of his porters, my valise, in the morning, went the wrong way, and I could not go until too late. However, the gentlemanly Landlord, Mr Coe, made many apologies, and told me to stop till Monday, free of Expense. So I staid, and Saturday, called round to see the people.

Called at Mrs Childs. Her health improving; she has not been very well; her daughters pretty good for her. A Mrs Reed there, from Winchendon or Winchester or somewhere, from whom they thought you would be interested to hear, though unfortunately seeing so many people & things since, I cannot remember who & what they said, much

Her Mother I think they said was at Winchendon, or somewhere keeping house for her, while absent, &c.
I did not think then I should forget so much. I ought to have written before now. Mrs. Reed appears a very pretty sort of a woman. A young Lady, Hannah Tewksbury, I believe, called to see her, used to live with her, quite pretty, attending school at Newton or somewhere
Mrs. Child gave me and old Pocket Book! —
Called on Mrs Chase, just returned from the Country not Keyalotor though, all well.
Mr B. B. Bush died suddenly a week, fortnight ago
Went out to Mt. Auburn, complained of feeling ill, returned, died instantly, or almost so. I believe I tell the story right.
I found Cousin Humphrey. &c.
Sabbath A.M. Went into the Marlboro Chapel, large, fine Church. Rev. Matthew Hale Smith, of whom you have heard once Universalist, preached his first sermon before the new so called, "Pilgrim Church" House crowded full, say 1000 men. Fine preacher. Text "This is none other than the house of God, the gate of Heaven".
P.M. I looked in to half a dozen Churches. Winter Street, Mr Rogers, crowded full, great quire &c. Summer St. Trinity Church. Great Aristocratic Episcopal., Splendid house. Once in a while a Worshipper a Child or a Woman occasionally in the great pews to hear their pompous service. Same also in some of the ~~great~~ rich Unitarian Churches, and at old South. Near by a Second Advent man roaring away wretched nonsense at ~~an~~ an awful rate, to a few inferior looking hearers, hear him through half a dozen streets.
Evening Park St. Missionary Concert &c.
The Aristocratic are not for Church going!

Monday morning rain. Took the cars for Worcester with Humphrey Stevens who was going on to Albany, as his man Atty had by telegraphic dispatch requested.
He had a great journey, through the Western States last year. 15000 miles 11½ months.
From Worcester to Northfield & Brattleboro Stage to Warwick by way of Barre & Petersham. Of all the rough Country that ever I heard of it beats every thing. The road itself not very hilly, but more crooked than ten ram horns, away round one awful rocky little hill, then leaping over to just such another, to wind round to still another in the same way: and so on all day long! Not an acre of land to be seen! but still abundance of farming and orcharding, on little spots of earth, washed into hollows among the rocks & ledges.
I got out of the Stage at a Mr. M. Williams, the nearest point to Warwick village, following a Map of "Road to Capt. Joe's" projected upon my note book by H Stevens Esq. Uncle Joseph not at home, Greenfield. However, they appeared glad to see me. All well &c.
Next day, Tuesday, 7th, I went up to Aunt Conants; staid all day. They are all well. Hervey has quite a ~~pretty~~ little wife and two children, and just going, next day, have now gone, all four, to Barnard, Vermont, to see Samuel. Aunt C. I think I should have known any where, from her resemblance to you. Uncle Conant complains much of growing old, deafness. He could understand every word I said though. I guess I talk very distinctly. He works as regularly as ever he did, I should guess does exactly as much work. What an awfully "Austere Man" he is to look at! I guess he is rather good though.

And Aunt Conant! I cannot begin to tell how good she is, and all is exactly like my Mother, only older. She is, or might have been, a really superior Woman, far too much so to have been confined to such a little narrow contracted sphere. Seemed to me just as if no one thing, even to a chip in the dooryard had been moved about there for 16 years! So in the house. Do you believe that old wooden settle has ever been started half an inch from its place? I dont! I did really love Aunt Conant though. And every thing so like my mother even to cooking and setting the table and washing up the dishes.

Uncle C. I always remembered by Deacon —— at Bangor who looks so much like him, only younger. Hervey I think looks just as he used to, no older.

Wednesday, I started to go over to Uncle William's. took me a full hour & more to get from Uncle Joseph's to the Village. It is positively the most difficult road I ever travelled. So many and so mighty are the blackberries, that I could not possibly get along. At the Village I met Uncle Joseph returning. Knew him instantly. Rather a good looking Old Fellow. Looks some like a butcher, if he has given up the trade; Easy, laughing good natured way. He concluded to go back home with him. He brought from Nittfield over Joseph's wife Jane, with her pretty good natured little Eleven Months old boy Willis. I do not see as Uncle Joseph has grown old very much, though he has just discovered that he is beginning to grow bald

Uncle Joseph is improving much his little rocky pinched up half bit of a farm. Uses lots of Bog Mud & Ashes., clearing up Swamp holes & every thing. Makes it profitable. Fi Barn-full of hay. I should thing more than in Uncle Conant's two. Hires a Man and a boy. Uncle Joseph appears to be a very popular man; and is really a very capable business man, for one of his "Eddication". Very well informed &c. —— I judge the whole set, take them together, here and at Northfield, a very happy family.

Wednesday was a rainy day, and Thursday Morn. Wed. P.M. Came a Mr Lewis (and wife and daughter) whose son Zenas is Uncle Joseph's hired man) from Winchester. Mrs Lewis, who used to be 'Biny' or "Viny" or Ziny" Conant, much pleased to know who I was, inquired much after all the folks, sent much love &c: As by the way do every body many else. All which I do hereby deliver. Appears quite a Woman, just about Charle's age, rather got the start of him though, I judge by her stout Whiskered son, and the daughter her Her Mother, (or somebody else) living near here, is sick and like to die; Consumption, I guess.

I enquired of her for Josiah K. Metcalf of Royalston said to be teaching School at Winchester. Was so, good, and much liked; but then just gone home to attend the funeral of his mother, or rather Step Mother.

Next day. Thurs. rainy morning, Clearer P.M. Funeral of a young man — Abbott, 23 years old. Student, I believe. just died of Consumption. Several deaths lately, Among Mr Hodges, of whose Children Uncle is Guardian

Thursday P.M. I walked over to Royalston. got there just before or as, it began to rain hard.
Folks at Uncle Jacob's Well, except much worn down by fatigue and grief. Mrs Metcalf, formerly Mrs Thomas of Winchendon, taken sick Wednesday night, Inflammation of the Bowels, or something of the kind, extreme suffering but I believe not thought dangerously until Sabbath night or Monday Morning. Died Monday eve. Buried Tues-day P.M. Josiah came home Monday, went back to his School. Wednesday. The blow seemed to fall most heavily upon Mrs. Metcalf's daughter, Miss Nancy S. Thomas by it left as it were entirely alone in the world. her own father, as well as only Brother and Sister having previously died, and now Mother too! What I became acquainted with her, I liked her much. She seemed "cast down, but not destroyed". very much supported.
I judged that she is to be married to Mr Jos. Walker a well appearing young man, who was there; and with whom I believe Eliab is acquainted, perhaps a correspondent. At any rate I was much pleased with her appearance
Uncle Jacob looks Old. is and shows to be, to have been, and to be still a very hard working man
But what a good kind man he is; perfectly ready, and most happy, to do any thing and every thing any personal sacrifice or effort whatever, to oblige, please or benefit, any one. Why there is not one young man or boy in ten thousand hardly, who would jump over a fence now as quick as he would at his age, to gratify any one. How I do love him!
I think he is a great deal like my father, in many things.

Josiah went back to Prescott Wednesday. Samuel, Widower lives, or boards there with his father. Harriet, Daniel's Widow, Mrs. Brewster that now is, who lives at Worcester, was up there. I like her very much. Her Oldest, Marlan Fletcher, lives, has always lived, with his Grandfather, a real good little fellow too. 9 years. Prescott, Mrs. Brewster brought up with her.

In the afternoon, it did not rain. I went with Samuel up to the other place, and up where Father used to live. Every thing seemed to look just as I could remember it, only smaller, narrower, and as if crowded up together the houses near, seemed so near, instead of away off as I thought them. I went into the house, the Old Kitchen seemed so little. I suppose I remember it as it seemed to me when I used to creep across its floor, and think it a long ways. Mr Newton, who lives there has had a stroke of palsy, and cannot speak so as to be understood, or hardly move about. The farm I guess is not very well cultivated, or any thing in good repair. They say it is exactly as father left it. No improvement. of course going backward. The farther part of the shed building is all rotted down, looks as if five pounds weight would crumble it. Samuel & I called at Mr Russell Morse's, Sen. & Jun. My old playmate has two or three stout babies! The Old Man, Samuel said, is Rich. We went back across. What a tremendous hill that is. After supper, Samuel carried me over to Mr Obadiah Goddards, whose wife Esther, it appears is my Cousin, though I knew nothing of her, or she of me. She has got a pretty little girl though. Her husband it seems is quite a wealthy farmer.

8 Col. Brown is very sick not expected to live. O. Goddard has gone off to try and find his son, Wm. I believe who has gone peddling.

Went to the burying Ground ——

Every body I saw any where knew Capt. Isaac and was very glad to see his son.

One such Old fellow, Calvin Forbes by name passed in in Uncle's orchard had and Exalted remembrance of you, my Mother, for, let me tell you, making him the best mug of punch that ever he drank, when he was once threshing Oats there. How much good that did him! There had not been a week since when he he had not thought of it and of you! &c. &c. Chas. Rich was the very worst boy that ever he knew any thing about supposed Capt Metcalf would have trained him if any body could but he could do nothing with him. Sent to bring [illegible] times he would stop to play, & sometimes got there before sundown! &c. &c.

Sat. morning, I walked back to Warwick expecting to see Cousin Joseph, but he not yet returned from Boston, and [illegible] come Saturday. P.M. in rain went over with Uncle Jo. to Mr Williams' All Well. S. E. ~~Waldron~~ Baldwin, Yale Student, Lucy W's man there. Lucy appears to be a very fine smart girl, got a grand new piano.

Aunt Esther there, does not look six months older or different at all from a dozen years ago.

She is going to Barnard Vt. to spend the Winter.

Baldwin & Lucy have just returned from Monadnock

There, if you are not satisfied with news and scrawls. I will give it up.

Aff. I. T. Metcalf

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Northfield Sept. 23d. 1847

Dear Mother.

I believe I wrote to you a very long, though perhaps very careless letter, about a week ago, from Warwick. I write again; not really because I have much to communicate but rather because I am so extremely desirous anxious to hear something from "Down East," from home; and I do not see much probability of it, if I do not write. It is now more than four weeks since I left Milo, and about three since I have heard a single word in any way from Milo or Bangor. When I wrote before I said nothing I believe of whither you could write to me. And I dont know as I am now in fact much more settled than then. However, you can direct letters to me here at Northfield, and if I am any where in this region, I shall be pretty likely to receive them sometime. I do not now perceive much probability that I shall get away from hereabouts immediately; whether I get a situation on the Rail Road eventually, or not. This is, I do not see as it is likely to be decided right away. So I hope you will write letters to me immediately —

I think I wrote in my last letter a very prolix account of all my doings, goings and seeings, until the 11th inst.
The 11th after returning from Royalston, I went over to Uncle Williams'. The 12th, Sabbath. I heard A.M. Rev. Mr. Clark the new Unitarian Clergyman, and P.M. " " Kenney Baptist Clergyman of West Royalston exchanged with Mr Hatch.
12th Monday. I came over to Northfield with Cousin Joseph A. S. and have been here most of the time since. Waiting — Loafing getting acquainted &c. Sometimes working in the Bark Mill, or doing any thing else I could find. They say that I am sure of employment on this road sometime The Chief Engineer Edwards, has told me there is now doubt of it. But these great things move slow you know. They have just concluded to go on with a great deal of business this Fall — when they get ready — And Engineers are Scarce
This Vermont R.R. is to be pressed on not only to Brattleboro, but far beyond, up river, Bellows Fall & I don't know where else. And above all that The Directors of this Road, and Fitchburg, and others, have decided to make immediately a great survey for a route from this Road. say from Brattleboro, across the mountains to Troy N.Y. 4 or 5 thousand $ have been already appropriated for the preparatory survey, Exploration

Just now they are all waiting for some formal action of Directors of something or other. I do not know who understands their machinery —. But when they do start, may be tomorrow, next week, or next month. I expect I am pretty sure of employment.
Last Sabbath A.M. I heard Rev. Mr. Kendall of Bernardston, exchanged with Mr Jones, Orthodox Clergyman here. P.M. Rev Mr Locke of New Salem. exchanged with Mr Everett. Unitarian
Monday 20th. P.M. I walked over to Winchester, and went into Select School of Cousin Josiah K. Metcalf Astonished him considerable when I introduced my self after school was over. I guess he is a pretty good school master; but not likely to be much of any thing more than that. Stopped there with him Monday night, and returned here, Tuesday A.M. P.M. Walked over by and old road through the woods to Uncle Williams' in Warwick. Mr Baldwin still there. Makes it his home there I should judge. Wednesday. a beautiful clear morning went up on Mount Grace with Baldwin. Had a splendid time, the most mountain climbing, I ever met with, and by great odds the noblest prospects I ever saw. Baldwin had a very good spyglass. Could see with naked eye Mts Washington. Monadnock. Wachusett. Holyyoke &c &c. with the glass. Villages to the South & East — many Royalston, Athol. Templeton, Petersham, New Salem, Orange, Shutesbury &c. &c. Winchester looks most beautifully, and the valley leading thither. & every thing else. in fact.
Returned here P.M.

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Mrs Anna M. Metcalfe
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Feb. 23d 1847 Northfield

Dear Mother

After long waiting, and some impatience, I received your letter Monday Eve. 21st inst. It had got to be about six weeks since I wrote before. It will not do for me to delay writing long after receiving letters from Miss. if I wish to get replies the same season! However, considering the circumstances, and the important events which have lately transpired, there is some apology for the delay in this last case. I think though that I ought to have been apprised of the great fact a week sooner. Seems to me I want to see the young gentleman. What will they call his name? Charles? of course. Could n't find a better, except it were! Isaac!!! How does Charles endure his dignity? How I should like to be there to admire his paternity. Why could n't you tell me how the little fellow looks? Or has n't that matter been decided yet.?!

It is a little curious that Charles should be away in the Woods. Rather a great idea to find himself a father so unexpectedly. I do not see how he can go back into the woods again and leave his baby! It is a pity I had not his oxen here if that is all that sends him off. $28.00 per Month though I should think was doing pretty well, all expenses paid; that is, if he gets his pay. Pay "Cash down"?

Am much obliged for you account of "Relation" I shall rely upon you however to come and introduce me to some of them in the Spring. By the way, Jos. H. Stevens who was at Boston Saturday told me that the Oldest Son

of Uncle Nathan Stevens, I think it was of Petersham or Barre died the other day. fine Boy 12 or 14 of age.

Joseph's little boy I do love a good deal. the poor little fellow is quite sick. was unwell a month or so, got better nicely a week or two, Yesterday taken quite sick, they could not leave him to come out to Temperance Celebration.

You ask if I have become acquainted with the Barbers. Last week I called at a Mr Dutton, a very fine man, I think, who said some of his cousins were my Cousins, his mother was sister of Mr Williams of Warwick. His wife is a fine Woman. At his house I was introduced to a Miss Barber, quite a pretty lisping young lady. A Mr Barber I have heard of as a meanest man, is Member of the Church. Rev Mr Jones in stating to me the resources of his parish, said that Mr Barber last [1846] year paid $2.00 for support of preaching. This [1847] year he was so poor he could pay nothing!

You seem to write as if it might be uncertain whether you would come back with me in the Spring! It is just exactly as uncertain as it is whether we both live till that time. At any rate I shall not come back without you. And if I should no be able to go down east in the Spring, why then you must come.

As for money, I will have enough for that matter by that time, so do not invent any more excuses.

Besides, they ought to be ready to give me free passes over some Railroads by that time.

The fact is, at any rate there is no sort of necessity or propriety in you keeping yourself shut up there at Milo, at the rate you have done for so long.

Jan. 23 /48

Sabbath evening, March 5th, 1848, Northfield.

Dear Mother. I believe I must begin to write again to you and Lucy for if I wait after writing once even till I receive your letter; the time becomes so long that I almost forget ever writing before.

"The Stormy March has come at last". After a winter of almost unexampled mildness, very little snow, no sleighing for a week together any time I believe, hardly any cold weather except a week or two we were out up to Brattleboro; March bids fair to be; at any rate has thus far shown itself, boisterous enough

Today has been real March weather; changing half a dozen times from bright melting sunshine, to dark gusty snow storms; and a wind that cuts like a knife, raising the snow in clouds, even as it melted under the high Spring Sun.

At the Monthly Concert this Afternoon, Dea. Field from another town being present, gave an interesting account of a Revival, lately, & now, going on in the town of Heath, west part of this county.

A Real Revival, like those of other days, which have been so scarce almost unknown for three or four years past. How it does warm ones thoughts, so that, according to the Psalmist, the fire burns within, to hear again of such doings of the Lord. It brought back to my my mind the former days, at Brownville in 1842.

Oh, that the Lord would again vouchsafe to visit his people in mercy. to extend the gracious influences of his Spirit on every side.

How careful too ought Christians to be lest they again excite the displeasure of God as in time past.

The Churches about here I think must be in extremely bad state; far worse than I know any thing about Down East. Many of them as I hear full of old breaches, divisions, wounds, & sores that will not be healed up; Often having called council after council, and every one leaving matters worse than before.

This Church has been in the same way, and that long: difficulties now sleep perhaps only because there is not life enough to show it. as the man who is struck down by Apoplexy does not complain of a foul Stomach. As I understand from Mr. Jones, there has never been really a Revival of Religion in this town! one of the oldest towns too.

Mr. Field said that in Heath there have been 10 councils besides References in 10 years.

There are great times just now among the Irish laborers along the Rail Roads about here. Wages have been this winter $.70 per day for Shovellers, that is little enough to be sure considering that they may not be able to work more than 15 or 20 days in a month and their board costs them generally about $2.25 or more per week. But since March came in, and the wages not raised, they have had a general "Strike for higher Wages", all along on this Road and others simultaneously. Not content with stopping work themselves, you see, they undertake to all from working whether they wish or not; marching along the line sometimes three or four hundred together armed with Clubs & pick handles, stopping the crews who did not strike, in some instances, destroying Carts, Shovels &c. Most of the works about here stopped when the rest did, but as yet there have been no overt acts. Some think the mobs will show themselves here within a few days, to break up the crews who are still at work on the bridges &c. No one knows what will be. One of the bridge Contractors, who has a crew still at work down on Miller's River, has armed himself with two or three "Revolvers" declaring that no one shall drive his men off the works. He is a resolute fellow too.

I think now I shall contrive some way to get off here a week or two the last of April or in May. I rather think they will let me go, if they are not extremely and unusually hurried. I have certainly been very steady at business since I have been here, and indeed am in such a situation that they owe it to me. Moreover, those with whom I have to do are the best sort of men to get along with. Mr Field my immediate director is a great friend of me, and ready to do any thing to oblige me; and Mr Johnson, the Chief Engineer, has the reputation of being very obliging in such matters. To be sure leave of absence for an Engineer is something not usual or to be expected. The universal answer to applications is No. If a Junior ever gets leave of absence it is an especial favor. It is a kind of work that cannot stop, and no one can take another's place for a few days or a week. However, you may fairly expect Me; so of course Mother be ready to come back with me at once. At any rate to come.

Isaac Mar. 5. 1848

I believe 100.00 expense in Orcharding, ~~ten~~ perhaps even five years ago might have made Charles' property 1000.00 better now.

Dear Mother & Dear Sister Lucy: I have again got about tired of waiting for a letter from you, and do not see but I must begin again to write in advance. I believe it is pretty near a month since I wrote last. Does it begin to look any like Farming DownEast yet? Folks hereabouts have begun to plough a little, and prepare Gardens, in dry situations. The frost is pretty well out of the Ground, the Roads considerably settled; the grass is springing, the buds swelling. The rye fields, (rye appears to be a principal crop here;) look beautifully Green. Frogs, snakes, and birds, are abundant this fortnight. Bluebirds are extremely abundant & little shy; Robins more scarce than in Maine I think. Since the first of April, I have been out of doors all the time, instead of about half, and enjoy it much. There is prospect of rather a busy time next month; but then I am getting work done up pretty good jog, that it may be in a state of forwardness, so I can get away. Did you ever know any thing about this town of Northfield; Mother, when you lived in Mass? I believe it would be difficult to find any where, a more idle, shiftless, good for nothing, vicious, set of people than are to be found in this Street. Mr Field, and he, like most perhaps who call themselves Unitarians, is really little better than an Infidel; Mr. Field ascribes the present Character of the inhabitants to the "preaching" under which they were brought up. I think likely that might be the case. Did you ever know of, or hear of, "Old Priest Mason" He was dismissed from the Church here several years since, still lives here, but has never entered the Church from that day till this. I believe he is about as thorough an old Pirate as ever lived. Certain it is that his influence, and it has done, for he is a man of considerable ability, is entirely in Opposition to every good thing. He is an infidel, at any rate, I am informed by those who

ought to know, that he was never known to believe anything: his creed is entirely Negative. He is an intemperance man. uses it himself, owns, leases, and supports a miserable Irish Grog Shop. Mr. Birnie, the Bridge Contractor has tried every way to hire or buy the whole premises, for the trouble it makes to him and his men; but the Old reprobate wont. Quite a proportion of the people I judge to be fit followers for such a head. I have found but two or three young men of Northfield, that I would call decently respectable anywhere else.

21st April 48

I do not know but I ought to tell you the story of my fit of sickness and my getting drunk lately. It may make you talk to me about being careful of my health. Though in fact, I am never careless; in proff of which, I can say I have not taken a cold at all for the Winter or Spring. I usually have a cold sometime latter part of the winter; but this year have entirely escaped; and my health has been perfect: — but — about a week since I had a sort of Nervous fever. which lasted two or three days, in which time. I did not sleep, and hardly rested still in one place one whole minute at a time. There was a terrible burning much of the time in my face, attended by a dull pain among my teeth & Cheek bones. Perhaps, you know I am a Hydropathist. Well, I could cure the symptoms quite easily by the regular Water cure, laying cloths from Cold water over my face &c but I could not thus remove the cause, the Nerves, and the fever would return. At last I got out of patience, went to the doctor, took a good dose of Chloroform, got pretty drunk, calmed my nerves down, went to sleep, and waked up perfectly well. On the Whole it was quite a fit of Sickness for me. was n't it?

Is not this an early Spring? or is it earlier here than in Maine? I picked a nice bunch of May Flowers today 13th. Farmers busy ploughing &c. Any sort of a decent horse is worth $100. or here. 6½ feet cattle 90. to 100. Tell Charles whether he does any thing else or not this year to do something about Orcharding. I believe good orchards may be on the Intervale profitably. All wanted is start

July 11th 7th.

Dear Mother,

I am very busy. I will send out Lucy's last letter, to you. You see how she wants to hear from you; have you not written at all to her yet. I wrote again (in answer to this letter sent yesterday 10th — Sent one to Joseph, July 4th.

I do hope you will come out here. wish you would. Albert's folks, you know have moved over into his father's house and Jane is all alone, nowadays. No men even now.

It has been very sickly here lately: most every body is getting well now though I believe. Will at any rate if ~~any~~ this pleasant weather continues.

If Joseph goes out to Warwick you must come back with him if not, if I could get liesure, try to come out for you.

Northfield July 21st, 1848.

Dear Mother

I do not know as I shall make this letter to reach you; but I thought I would try. I suppose you are at Winchester this week, at least so they tell me down at Cousins. I wished you had come here this week instead, and guess you had better next week at least. My object in writing this is to know what day will come down here, if I will come up to Winchester for you. If you can write tomorrow Friday, to send by the Afternoon Stage: I will come up Saturday; that is I think now I can. Should like to today or tomorrow.

I think you ought to stay a spell with Joseph & Jane. You can hardly how desolate desolate they are I think they might be peculiarly susceptible of good influences now. You know Jane's Mother is a pious good woman. Jane told me yesterday "how much she should prize your society just now." Do come

I should like too to have you be here and do a little work for me sometime, if you have time & convenience.

When do you think of going to Royalston?

They say it is quite sickly here
there are many sick about here,
principally children.

I do not know of any deaths though
Except those at Parsons & Stevens.

I have no letters from Maine lately.

Affec. J. S.

I hope, if you get this, you will write by the
return mail tomorrow.

J. S. Metcalf July 21 = '48

Northfield. Sept. 2^d^ 1848

Dear Mother.

I was hoping somewhat to hear from some of you by last night's mail, but perhaps you did not get down East in season, and perhaps if you did you would all be too glad to get home to think of writing to me. So perhaps I better not expect a letter for a month or so. It is rather curious how defective some of your children are in the art of Speech. Some people now can always say just what they wish to, at just the right time. Perhaps it is partly some defect in the brain which does not think of things at the right time to say them. Since you went away I keep thinking of things that I really wanted to say, and talk about, to you, & ~~to~~ Lucy, and the rest of you. I begin to believe it will not do for me to depend much upon the faculty of Speech, as a medium for thought; if I ever do think of any thing, [illegible] put it on paper.

One thing I intended to mention to you; that I wish you would speak to Charles about when you get to Milo. You know it has been always allowed that Charles or the place there somehow, owed me something. Charles himself said three or four years ago that he was going to pay me $100.00, and it was certainly justly my due. I have done more than that worth of hard work there, some of it too hard, since I was ~~twenty~~ or twenty one years old. besides the money that I earned away from home before I went to College more than I ever had any benefit from myself. The fact is I ought to have had those earnings. There was property an

means enough there for the rest of you: and I needed it far more than any of the rest of the family; One hundred dollars was worth just about a hundred dollars to Charles & the rest of you, sometimes perhaps a little more, possibly $150.00 To me at that time it was worth truly worth more than $1000. In fact no money, just the mere property can estimate the benefit of one or two hundred dollars to me just the right time. This Cutting down, "razeeing", a ship builder might call it, a man, from "second rate" to "third rate", is not very easily estimated. Yet it is a thing very easily done by a little too much of difficulties, or too little of advantages, at a critical time. To be sure the man may yet be a very useful man. In some cases indeed he may get clear up again. With a really "first rate", this may be easy enough. When a man has really distinguished himself as a Genius, has become a great statesman, orator, author:, they do not stop to enquire whether he got an Oration at College, or indeed whether he has ever seen a college. But with us Common men the case is very different. If the Student was not quite high enough for a "Phi Beta Kappa", nothing he can ever do afterwards will give him an Election. And if he does not get higher than a "Common Man"'s ambition ought to lead him, Men will be apt to remember what he was not, rather than what he is. But all this is wandering from the subject; is nothing at all to the purpose. I was going to say that perhaps the matter ought to be decided some how. The fact that I did not have it when I needed it most and ought to have had it, may not prove that I ought not to have it sometime. I may still need it more than any one else. In a pecuniary point of view I certainly am the poorest of the family, and perhaps am likely to remain so; that is in com

parison with my actual necessities, my needs of money.
Now would it not be a good plan for you to mention the matter to Charles: find what he feels about it; whether he thinks he owes me any thing, and ~~means~~ intends to pay it: And if he does, just get him to send me his Note for the sum with interest from some ~~time~~ date, back, forward, or present.
There appears to be rather a long story, fact; Excuse it, for I may not think of it again, any more than I did when you were here, or when I have been at Milo.
What shall I do, if I am thrown out of business here, this Fall or Winter, and cannot find any other situation? That is the greatest trouble in Engineering; it is not a permanent business, and the getting a situation is perhaps the worst thing about it. Perhaps I was unfortunate in beginning on a road ~~most~~ partly finished. The Vt. & Mass. R.R. is now near completion Some say it will be ~~done~~ finished by Dec. 1st at any rate; some say Jan. 1st, & some indeed, next Spring. But then they cannot need so much help at the end you know have been lately turning off some, more will be without doubt before the road is complete. To be sure, they tell me I shall probably be wanted as long as any one; and perhaps I may; as I believe I have made myself pretty useful for my standing & salary: Still I cannot expect always to be favored, even at the expense of those who have friends &c. to look out for them. The question is, What had I better do? My object of course is to get ahead as fast as possible. Can I do better than to go South, if I can get an opportunity? There I could expect better wages and more rapid advancement; and perhaps full as good opportunity to

make valuable friends. Perhaps I might like best, even at less wages & poorer prospects, a situation on one of the Maine Rail Roads; say from Bangor to Waterville:

But then I have no influence to push me into a situation: no rich or 'stationed' ~~relative~~, or particular friend, whose influence would help me, or to please whom somebody would take the pains to help me. Most folks now that amount to any thing, (except some very few that used to be called Geniuses, though the existence of any such animal has somewhat fallen in doubt in these latter times) have somebody to help them. Comparatively few really help themselves, as our folks are obliged to, if indeed they get any help at all. Our family is unfortunately not "connected", if you know what that means.

It might be curious to trace away round, just how much even such a man as my Mc Field here owes to ~~to~~ being connected, (and that through rather disreputable channels even of families of drunken paupers,) with certain Congress Man or Custom House" Officer, or somebody whose influence would affect something somewhere. This matter of influence is one of the perquisites of Wealth, & Station; ~~sometime perhaps of Talent.~~ and being generally less valued than money, is often turned over to "poor relations" &c to whom it may be more valuable if possible than ~~to~~ the owner itself.

There - I have written pretty near four pages of something. Come to read it over, I hardly think I had better try to add any thing to it. It is getting to be rather late to think of writing a letter on this sheet.

J. S. M. Sept 2nd 1,8

Northfield Farms, Oct. 3d. 1848

Dear Mother,

Isaac

I am away from home, and have not at hand the best materials or apparatus for letter writing; but what is somewhat rarer, I have a bit of leisure; so, if you will excuse it, I will try to perpetrate a letter, though I hardly know as you can read it, with this paper & ink.

I received your letter I guess about a week since. It seems Anne is really going, or rather has already gone. I hardly knew any thing about it until I got your letter, although I believe Joseph had just mentioned in his letter, in his dry matter of fact way, the possibility of such a thing. Since I received yours however, I have another letter from Joseph two days since: he states that she has already left Bangor, that Charles & Almeda were down to see her." I confess, I seemed to know nothing about it; and her leaving Bangor seemed rather strange to me. Joseph says he finally thinks "it is for the best: he knows better than I, and I can rely upon his judgment.

You suppose I know all about the Society &c. All of you have better opportunity to know such things, for a year past, than I. I know only that it is a Benevolent Society, of late origin, & high repute. Gov. Slade is one to be depended upon certain, and so is Miss Beecher. You wanted me to advise Anne &c. I could n't very well do that. I "took time" however, since receiving Joseph's letter, and wrote to Anne at Hartford, and also to "The Directors of the Ladies Society for the Promotion of Education at the West." Whether the letters will reach their destinations I know not, and do not know as it is very important.

I do not write specially to Almeda. It is no use. if I write the whole and you all read it, no matter to whom I direct it. Almeda why can you not write to me, & Albina too. I want to hear about the Children, & of course must apply to the Mothers.

One thing, I judge you feel Anne's going away from Bangor far too much. This being a thousand miles off is a very different thing now from what it used to be
You cannot call it a separation where one can go home in a week any time; or get letters news in an hour perhaps in a day or ~~two~~.
Why Anne will not really be one quarter as far off, as you were from your Massachusetts home, when you first went down East. You old folks are rather behind the times in your appreciation of Modern times and distances { You know People now a days have a way of reversing the old proverb "You ~~people~~ folks think old folks are fools, old folks know young folks are so!" to be sure I do not pretend to belong to the party: but then without doubt it is ~~more~~ difficult for those who grew up under a different order of things to accustom themselves to, or even to realise the great physical improvements of the age, than for those born & educated among them. To be sure I think you have kept up with the times far better than most folks of your age and circumstances. Still Molehills, things now really so, may seem Mountains to you, because they were formerly so called.

Suppose Anne should be settled away at the ~~Far~~ West. Why there is nothing at all in reason, in nature, or in fact, to prevent you yourself from making not one, but many visits to her there. And yet how long is it since you pretty much made up your mind that you could not visit even Old Massachusetts again!!!

Charles does seem destined to have his full share of troubles in this World. I do not know though but most other folks do too. It is vexatious to hear of Charles' mishaps though sometimes; one pull back after another. Still the way is to expect better, hope ever.

Will he not sell his oxen? The fact is Charles & I are in the same category in regard to the great Yankee faculty of trading readily and profitably. There was that Watch of mine. I might have lived fifty years in the most favorable circumstances and never have sold it. Eliab took it home with him, and the very first news I got from him was the $18.00 he got for it! Pity Charles could not get him to sell his Oxen and Hay for him. It is really amusing to me to see how Joseph & Eliab can do things. But I have made up my mind that if I ever get my living in the world, it must be in some other way than by buying or selling; though I can buy very readily and well

Seems to me you did not make a very long visit at Hampden, and could not have had a very pleasant journey home from there, either. Now I tell you, I do not think I shall like it very well if you make a visit of a week upon me after I am married!

You did not seem to write much about the folks how you found them all &c. I wanted to hear about that little Charley chap there that I just began to like when I was there last Spring. You know I do not often like babies much, excepting some ones

How it rains! it is a very rainy afternoon: and a very rainy spell. I have worked in the rain most every day for a some time, and this forenoon got a little moist; good hydropathic habits; but this P.M. as Track Layers do not work, & I am in advance; and am away from Northfield "R.R. Office", I find it very pleasant to sit in Mrs. Fields' snug little Parlor, and write.

The Track Laying is commenced on this last Division of Vermont & Mass. To me attaches the dignity of having the Charge of this important Operation, "Setting Grades" directing where and how high said track shall be laid in advance of the forty or fifty workmen who pack down the sleepers, and spike down the Rails.

This gives me and my Assistants plenty of business and as the Track Laying commences at the lower end of the Division, 9 or ten Miles from the Street, I have now to board most of the time away. Have a very pleasant comfortable place, six miles off, only go home Saturday night & when something is wanted of me there.

Oh, I can tell you some news. Cousin Joseph has dissolved partnership with Abbert. You know he lost much by the fire: he thought his remaining Capital not enough for the business. I think very fortunate in settling so easily. couldn't if Joseph had claimed as ~~some~~ some would. He receives $100.00 per year for his earnings or savings, and deducts exactly his share of the loss by fire. He wants other business, hopes to get it on R.R. Charge of Depot, Baggage Master or something. — And — is now at work for the Engineering department with me, one of my men, driving Grade pegs &c.

Joseph is a good fellow. And we are politics this Fall. He & Mr. Field & others & I, are revolutionising old Northfield. Even Old Northfield, a Strong old fashioned Democratic Town, we intend shall give a "Free Soil" majority vote this Fall.

You know I am no Speaker or talker, but I can make a good Free Soil Man out of most any really sensible conscientious man in a short time — Even I — Give him just the right things to read, we have plenty of it, so say just the right things, about the right time.

There what a letter I have written. Do write to me often. Love to Almeda & Albina & all the little ones. How is Jenny? Is she not going to Leney's.

Affectionately J. S.

I. W. M. Northfield
Oct. 22. 1848

Isaac

Northfield, Mass. Oct. 22d. 1848

Isaia

Dear Mother

What would you all have thought, if you had found this letter, or at least the next one you received from me, dated at "Mobile, Ala."? Well you need not be frightened; though I certainly came full as near to it, as the boy did to getting his pig! My Co-worker on the Vt. & Mass. R.R. Mr J. L. Leonard, who formerly served under Capt Childe, now Chief Engineer of the great "Mobile & Ohio Rail Road", is going:— And — he has just four days including Sabbath, from first hearing of it, to get ready and report himself in New York City ~~ready~~ ready for the Journey!

I do not go just at this time as it happens — so my letter is not & at present is not likely to be dated at Mobile!

But — I went down to Springfield yesterday, and had an "interview" with the "Capt Childe" himself. I judge that the old gentleman was pleased with my appearance condition &c. He possessed himself of my address &c. so that he "could call upon me at any time" he said; and perhaps I may be justified in somewhat expecting some time or other, any time from two months to two years hence, a Call to the aforesaid "Mobile & Ohio R.R." the greatest Rail Road projected in the world, about five hundred miles long!

I thought it was pretty sudden when I heard the story about it at half past 10 at night & started off for Springfield at three, just to see about it; got to Springfield, some 50 miles before 8 o'clock. But just think of winding up ones business, a good month's work, & starting for Mobile in three days!

Perhaps you would say, would have advised me not to go there even if I had the chance, and would not have lacked reasons therefor!

But,—such a Chance as that is not to be lightly rejected; one need not expect to have the chance to do it, every day,— every life time. Leonard now, if he can fulfil his trusts as well as I could has secured now a permanent situation for half a dozen years at least, a situation exactly the thing for a young man, & under, as his friends say, the best Engineer in the U.S.

But, I have told quite a story about not going to Mobile.

When I got home last night I found a letter from Anne dated at Buffalo N.Y. (As this may reach you before a letter from her) and you may not have heard) She is going to "Racine, Racine Co., Wisconsin" Racine is quite a City six or eight thousand population, on Lake Michigan. A School of Young Ladies, already organised, by the wife of a Pres. minister, in whose family she is to live. She is to receive $150.00 per year, Clear of all Expense.

She had had a "truly delightful journey" in company of Gov Slade a perfect pattern of a Christian Gentleman. Stopped at the "Delavan House" in Albany. The Young Men of Syracuse gave them a ~~Dinner~~ Breakfast party Stopped in Rochester four days in the "first families". Genesee Falls &c. A day or two in Buffalo. She describes it as a perfect pleasure trip. You know how enthusiastically she enjoys even a hard journey.

Likely as not she has already written all this, & much more to you or at any rate, soon will. By the way. She say she is going to write four letters a month home! Perhaps she will for the first month But if she continues to do so, it will be a reformation almost worth her, or any of the rest of you going out there for! If she does so well, who will answer them for her. I will do my part.

Your last letter I gratefully received a few days since As for my health, you are fare more alarmed & anxious than the matter deserves. My bump of Cautiousness is very large.

I am extremely careful of health: as of every thing else, of health especially as the most important. I enjoy excellent health; & intend to preserve it. Am entirely free from those habits that impair the health of so many, or most. use no intoxicating drinks, tobacco in any of its forms, even tea & coffee. live plainly plainly, keep regular hours. in fact observe all laws of health & Morality! bathe all over every day &c.
am a remarkably prudent young man! in fact the very last person to excite the fears even of an anxious Mother.

Why cannot Charles just send me a Note for some amount he thinks right, and that settle the matter. Of course he has confidence in me that I would not go and sue the note! And he could take it up whenever he wanted & found convenient.

You say You believe I seldom give way to despondency &c. Why did you not say that I never do. To be sure I see the dark side, when there is one, sometimes write about it, endeavor to provide against it. But as for thinking of it, dwelling upon it, giving way to it, — while God blesses me with health & reason "sana mens in sano corpore", (a sound mind in a sound body.) I don't do it. More than that I think it is absolutely wicked to do it. We all have blessings & priveliges enough: there are glories & beauties enough spread around us in heaven above and on Earth beneath to employ our minds without fretting them about the little paltry troubles with which we can easily imagine we are afflicted — There — I was just going to quote Proverbial Philosophy, but I have not room here for the whole book., and you can read it yourself. Do you read it nowadays? & does Charles?

You did not write any thing what Charles thinks of Politics or what he said to my letter. I want to know what people are thinking about Down East, this fall.

Seems to me I could make the half of Piscataquis Co "Free Soil" tween now & Lection almost

If I should get a good chance to go off South or West within two or three months, I should rather want to go home first; but very probably I could not. My duties & responsibility & the apparent impossibility of my getting away from here will very likely be increased somewhat by Leonard's leaving. It would be impossible for me to get away from here now; and indeed very likely now they will want me here all the winter, perhaps Spring. Still, if I had a good chance and could get away, it would not be best for me to stay I suppose. I am most afraid they will want me to go and stay down at "Grouts" where Leonard has been stationed. I do not like the place a bit. The place is nothing but just a single tavern, ~~as~~ poor concern crowded with boarders, workmen on the bridges &c. &c. and surrounded only by Irish Shanties. Northfield is bad enough; that would be too bad altogether. I dont believe but I should be as much as eight or nine miles from Sunday there! Here, if there is not a Sabbath generally recognised, there is sort of capacity for making one for one's self; and there are some decent people. good people. some very few; young & old both, in whom I feel interested, & from whom I shall dislike to part. Far fewer & less though than I have found in some places in three months time.

What sort of a place is Milo really? And what is it going to be? "Elijah Severance" that was the Teamster? lived down between the rivers. it was a strange suicide.

You did not write in your last letter any thing about the "Folks". the little ones &c. Almeda & her Children.

Did I tell you Cousin Joseph was at work with me, on the Rail Road? I like Joseph much & his wife too.

I hope you will write again soon & frequently

Why cannot some of the rest write too

Aff. J. S.

Are you going to spend the winter at home? (Bangor? Maine?)

I. S. M. Grout's Nov. 13. 1848

Grout's Nov. 13th, 1848

Isaac

Dear Mother

Your last letter lies before me. From the date it seems that it was written about a month ago. It is however but little more than a week since I received it: it probably waited by the way some at Bangor or Hampden, and then as I had changed my residence, it was most a week after it arrived at Northfield probably before I obtained it. I believe I have written to you once since your letter was written though I suppose you had not then received it. I guess I wrote before they moved me off here to Grout's: perhaps about the time I was thinking about Alabama! I guess I wrote all that story. Well Leonard went off to Alabama, & I was promoted to his place. no slight mark of confidence to be placed in a young Engineer, only a year old! to put him in such a situation. It was not a very pleasant situation to begin with though. It is never a very easy business getting into another man's shoes. Engineering is perhaps most difficult of all business for that; and to cap the climax Leonard was about as hard a man to follow as could be found. I expect they put me here thinking I could along with it if any body could! but I assure you it was a hard case for a spell. Much as ever I could not sleep o'nights for a week or two. I could not dream of any thing else. However patience diligence perseverance &c. &c. are bringing order out of chaos in some measure, & the prospect is now pretty fair of getting along quite comfortably this winter; though I may be a good deal hurried & perhaps worried for a month or two.

As for Politics, your letter was so long delayed, it did not reach me until just about Election time; If it had come a little sooner, I should certainly have written off as fast as possible to Charles upon that subject, for it really hurt my feelings considerable that a brother of mine should aid in the Election of such a man as Zachary Taylor. To be sure, it is no more than we must expect, that the thousands will be led around by by the nose, by party leaders, but then, we do not like to see our friends served so. It is really astonishing to see what power over the multitude some of these old party prejudices, obsolete party watchwords, and such ideas as this "must keep out Cass" &c. do have. I hardly know which is the worst for the many to be so blinded & gulled, and by those too who will laugh at them for it when it is over; or for such men as Webster understanding the whole so fully, seeing the crime & the cheat, even acknowledging it so plainly; to be so driven in, whipped in, or as many say, absolutely bought & bribed in, to the support, if it can be called support, of party; to so eat his own words, almost to eat himself.

It is astonishing what money can do,— even with Genius, especially when it happens to be poor as Webster is.

One other thing, as for this "Must have Taylor or Cass." I would certainly very much prefer Cass to Taylor. You could hardly find a Mass. Whig who would not, except for this one thing; Taylor is the Whig so called Candidate; forty thousand it seems did not care even for that.

To be sure I regard Cass as equally unprincipled as Taylor, but then I can put put infinitely more confidence in his future course. With all such men conduct depends upon influences, as true as ethics: Cass is a Northern man, New England born, always a Northern man; necessarily under Northern influences.

Taylor is the Contrary exactly: his whole life, character, conduct opinions, principles expressed & implied, all exactly opposite; He is necessarily a very different man on the slavery question from Clay or Crittenden or Clayton, from Kentucky, Tennessee Virginia men, from any Southern men except South Carolina or Louisiana men. Any others might be trusted.

Who is that Mrs. Gilman's Physician?
My opinion is, even if he be Dr Kimball, that he ought to be prosecuted. Even with no more force than he has, it would be in his power to do differently

It is a fact that your Children, Mother, are rather lucky. To be sure the world considers luck to be merely making money. But I mean being fortunate, prospered in whatever he undertakes. Just think how I have got along in Engineering, considering my beginning, without favor, patronage, influence or any thing. Circumstances have all seemed to work together just exactly right to give me the best chance to learn to do, and to do. all kinds of business. And then now just the right vacancy to occur right before me, and confidence enough placed in me to just crowd me right up into it and sustain me there. Before, as Leveller all along back, I have had the work to do, with somebody else behind me to tell me how to do it, and to be responsible for it. Now I am to go on and do it myself and tell others how to do it. Mr Field when he comes along down here now does not tell me what to do as he used to, but asks me how I am going to have such a peice of work done; what I am going to put here or there; or advises me what to do. Now I am fairly an "Engineer"
There is some care about it though more than I used to have. I do not, nor do others, find Assistants to take of the care quite as much as I did from Mr Field last spring & Summer.
There is some responsibility in having the work of so many different kinds of 2 or 3 hundred men depending on one.

Nov. 15th I got a big letter from Bangor today, with, Lucy & Samuel. I haven't heard from Anne yet since she reached Racine, expect to soon. Lucy had a letter just before she wrote to me.

Lucy & Samuel have taken it into their heads to give me abundant advice to the effect "get married"! What is it best to do about it? They like it so well they think every body else must. The trouble is, they go only half way. Their advice is too general: they say "Marry": the question is "whom?" Lucy leaves me very much in doubt whether her preference would be for Olive Furber, or Lizzie Doe! What do you think of her taste? I do not know but my taste would be rather a hard one to suit: though after all I am a little inclined to think that there is not so much difference; that whoever the parties, the fault is one's own if not suited in the end. Characters are moulded to the circumstances & companions they meet with, in great measure, spite of story & romance.

As respects Society & every thing of that kind, my position is certainly very far from favorable: it was bad enough at Northfield. Since I came down here I have gone up to Northfield on Sabbath 9 miles, or Sat. night; but believe I shall go over to Montague only 4 miles in future mostly. or Grouts Corner"

My present Post Office Direction is "Grouts", Mass.

Perhaps I better not tell you what sort of a place it is; nor how the Tavern, our boarding house, has 50 boarders, 20 beds, & a Dining Room that seats 15! However I am very comfortable. "The Engineer" has a large room, perhaps the best in the house. It is R.R. Office; filled of course with Drawing tables, books, tools & papers. & has two beds, one for me, one for my two Assistants. But you know we do as we choose, furnish our room with whatever we like, & Vt. & Mass. pays the bills! One great thing for me, plenty of best Sperm Candles. One thing Grouts is better than Northfield; it has no idlers.

Do write soon, frequently, often.
Love to All,
Write me about all. J.J.J. Aff. J.S.M. J.J.

I. S. M. Grouts Dec. 10 1848

Isaac

Grouts Dec. 10th 1848.

Dear Mother,

Your excellent letter was duly & gratefully received yesterday. Being Stuck here at Grouts not very well, a rainy Sunday &c. I have been writing to Anne, from whom I received a nice letter yesterday and to Lucy who I suppose likely by this time is at Milo to Spend the winter mostly. To prevent me from doing or feeling worse I believe I will continue the business by beginning at least a letter to you.

As for your apprehensions ~~that~~ of evil in my behalf, I guess there is little occasion. The "glory" of being at Grouts I should hardly think could injure any one. As for health, it is very possible that since being here, I may have somewhat overworked body or rather Mind, and am just now feeling the natural reaction At any rate I feel rather dull stupid & sleepy for a day or two. I expect I have got the Jaundice a bit. Notice that I look about as Yaller as a yellow dog today. And about as dull as a beetle. I believe this Jaundice is a disease indigeneous to this Miserable Miller's River. At any rate prevalent here. Something perhaps in the Soil, Air, or Water. I dont like the place.

Ann certainly seems to be very comfortable & happy in her new & far off situation. I judge from her letter that as a Teacher, She has a better Situation than she ever has had before. Says her School is more pleasant & less

laborious than any School she was ever engaged in.
her place & Society every way pleasant & desirable.
Is it not different from your & even from some of her own
gloomy anticipations. The fact is this "looking
for Evil". & ~~tormenting~~ one's self with "ills that never
happened" is rather foolish, as you say. I believe
it is hardly reckoned among my numerous follies.
So it will do for me to object to it in others

You enquire about "Grouts." It is in the limits of the town of
Montague, where a corner of that comes up to Millers River a mile or two from its
Mouth. It was a place where a little dirty bridge was thrown over the
noisy stream, a road branched off to Wendell, & a man named
Martin Grout, a German I guess, ~~on a little ...~~ had stuck in
[illegible] spot just big enough for
them between the sharp pine hills, & called it tavern.

Well - the Vt. & Mass. R.R. came twisting along down the crooked
rocky, precipitous banks & bed of Miller's river, where nothing
else ever could have got, hardly even a fox, for he couldn't take
quite so long jumps from side to side; Expending some
several hundred thousand dollars on & around this spot
making a level plain out of the hills a hundred feet high,
building bridges &c. - sticking down here & there Depots
Engine, Freight, Water, & Wood houses of all sorts
8 or ten. R.R. tracks of various forms & directions, one to Northfield
& Brattleboro, one to Greenfield &c. besides through or beside all
the multifarious buildings built or to be built here. In short
make a great Rail Road Station, Watering place &c. out of
it. Such is Grouts as it now is.

Your suggestion not to "get married" till I get away from Groats, is certainly to the point, & well founded. I presume that it will be strictly followed: though my predecessor got married here! to a sister of the tavern keeper's wife who waited on the table, ignorant & coarse too. but so was he in many respects.

Really though I began to "take it to heart", among the Multitude of Councilors. Not only Lucy & Samuel, I could get round that; but You & Joseph, and now even Anne, away from Wisconsin. What shall I do about it.

The fact is; I do not know but I am little too nice about it: as my misfortune has always been in every thing else to have my tastes far above my means; but I really do not know of any body that I want. There may be some that want me: but that is quite a different matter. There was a young Lady in Turner that I could have liked considerable, perhaps did; but she was engaged to a Young Engineer before I ever saw her; a friend of mine, and I couldn't in honor "cut him out," as the chaps say. They are married, a year since, I couldn't go to the wedding: live in N.H. He is Res. Eng. on the Portsmouth & Concord RR. She is a grand woman, & one of the best friends I have got any where. She had a sister younger & prettier I suppose than "Nancy"; who was perhaps designed for me: a very good girl too: but then I never liked her as well as she me. I never repented much more of any little accident, than I have of kissing her cheek one particular time. It hurt me when I heard how she cried when I did not go back to Turner to teach the next Fall.

I do not know as there is any body else in all "Down East" that I care much for. Josephine of Topsham too, whom Anne once recommended to me, was engaged to my particular friend Morse, before I ever ~~met~~ with her.

I have certainly met no very "bright particular" Star since I have been in Mass. If I ~~must~~ was obliged to choose from so limited a field. I should feel rather sick. I guess it would have to be that Miss Dalton you perhaps saw when you were at Northfield. I guess she is not but 17 years old. perhaps 18. She is a good girl though and I like her folks first rate. There, I believe I have made a "clean breast" on the subject of "Matrimony"! Please You & Lucy laugh at it, & I will —

I ~~have~~ am very much obliged to you for the News about Milo I have considered you all very negligent in that respect, and perhaps have wrote to you to that effect. Now Lucy has got back to Milo, I shall expect to hear from her, "all the particulars" how it seems to her after her absence &c. N.B.

I wondered you did not stay longer at Hampden, get fairly rested before returning back to that Milo again. Perhaps you will be wiser next time you get there.

Lucy I guess those Shirts are just the thing, though I not got them washed yet so as to try them wear them. I wonder if Spruce Gum isn't good for the Jaunders.

Joseph A. S. worked with me till I came down here. Very possible he may come down here now some. My Holton is laid up. I hear today Rufus is better, setting up; and which encourages me much, Miss Harriet Snow of Bernardston, his Leady Love, is there to take care of him. It will do him good 'like a Medicine' doubtless.

Joseph & Jane call the Babe, — fact I hardly know — Susan, I guess, or Susan Jane. I call it "little One." It is fat as two pigs. & healthy as three or four.

What did that Mr. Ricker Man give for brockett Lott? Is it a Ricker that used to live over Pleasant River, or a "New Man"?

Do Write Write

Now you & Lucy are both at Milo you can afford to write as Lucy at least promised as often as I would

Aff. I. S. M.

Your letter directed I. S. M. &c. "Engineer". Perhaps that is my title, but I share it with another. The "Engine Man" whoever has the care of a Steam Engine is always perhaps properly called "Engineer" His business is quite different from Ours though we may set him to work. Ours is "Civil Engineering" so I am Civ. Eng. or Engineer

Isaac

I. S. M. Goffstown
June 17, 1849

Goffstown. N. H. June 17th. 1849

Dear Mother

It seems to me I do not hear from you very often lately: and when you do write, it is too often only a few lines, on the corner of a letter. When I was at Warwick Uncle Joseph complained of you for not writing, and accused you of "getting lazy". I took it upon myself to deny the charge quite indignantly; but I do not know but I shall be obliged to "retract", if you do not write to me better than lately. To be sure I do not know but I am partly to blame myself. Not being an "original genius" or having like Joseph any original ideas, I can only write letters by answering the letters of others. Of course my letters are apt to be directed to those who wrote to me last.
I believe I have been a pretty punctual correspondent to Joseph and Lucy who write to me usually pretty punctually.

I have not much to write now ~~that~~ will be of interest. The life of an Engineer, though to be sure full of variety, is of that kind of minute variety that hardly bears copying or transferring to a letter. Perhaps it would be called a monotonous variety. One may ride or walk a few miles farther one day than another, meet a few more folks, or be a little more hurried, quarrel with a contractor or agent one day, and find him good natured and obsequious the next.; but it is all hardly worth telling of.

I am really rather pleasantly situated here this Summer. I have charge of about a dozen miles of Rail Road now in process

of Construction. It is mostly an easy line, and principally Located, & the work laid out by myself, so that I have less trouble & vexation from other peoples business than I had last Fall & Winter at Grouts. My Chief comes up perhaps once a week, just passes by to the other Division, but rarely does or meddles with any thing, or asks any questions if I send in my regular reports. He seems to have got the idea that I can get along pretty well myself, and if I go to him for advise about any thing generally advises, "Do as you think best". So you see I am "independent" & "responsible" to my hearts content. The independence agrees first rate, but the responsibility galls a little some times, especially where business differs from any I ever had charge of before.

I think I am extremely fortunate in my Assistants. I did expect to have as my Leveller or first Assistant a young man, who was on the Vt. & Mass. when I first went there, and then above me. I rather think I could have got along pretty well with him, but I dreaded it much for he is one of the rudest sort, very profane, and though a very capable young man, always had the reputation of being very hard to get along with: But I contrived get him on the Third Division, and got here with me I think one of the best young men I know any thing about. Edward Everett of Winsor Vt. Son of Hon Horace Everett late U.S. Senator from Vermont, and a Young Man of Family, Character, and Education. A Graduate of the University of Vermont, since then has spent a year or two in Travelling, been West & South, and now is trying to be an Engineer in right Earnest. He is an Episcopalian is a Gentleman & a Scholar, I regard it as worth a great deal to me to have such a man with me, not only for his help in my

business, but for the benefit of his Society, & companionship, which I need. I have always suffered for the lack of such Society. I did so especially at Northfield & Groton. Society of the other sex, I have none really. My Land Lady I cannot like much. As Landlady she is first rate, a fine table & orderly house. but she is selfish coarse and proud. though taking much pains to please her boarders.

I have seen, I believe in N.Y. Papers, the account @ "Mrs. Bagley of Milo, Piscataquis Co. Maine", shooting an enormous Eagle just carrying off one of her sons.! Is there any such story, and what is it, and where does it belong?

Do you know any thing of the whereabouts of @ Young Man named J. M. Metcalf? I have ordered him to appear here forthwith, but he does not as yet show himself, or say when he will. If he has taken refuge with you, or is harboured in your region, I wish you would send him along here immediately. I will do him good when he gets here, riding around the Country &c. &c. I usually ride 15 to 20 Miles per day. Keep the use of one horse all the time, and can have another when I want, and will if he will come. The R.R. Co. allows me $15.00 per Month extra for Horse Hire.

Speaking above of female Society, there is one Lady in Goffstown I intend to get acquainted with if possible. She is an Old Maid probably 40 years old, is wealthy, highly educated, accomplished, travelled, and moreover has been extremely beautiful, has the most magnificent & sweetest eye I ever saw, and I form a very high opinion of her from her Sabbath School Class.

The Minister here is a brother of Austin Willey, Editor of the Maine Anti Slavery Standard; was a Class Mate, I think Room Mate of Swan Lyman Pomroy at Andover. He is a man of sound & well furnished mind, writes really superior sermons; is a very good man, all say; still I am afraid he mistook his vocation. He is not an interesting preacher, & is by no means popular with his hearers. He cannot adapt himself to them, especially in Society; He is not, and cannot be, acquainted with them. I think he might be really interesting amongst those with whom he can feel communion. He told me he had not much Sympathy of feeling with his parishioners.

He is a Widower, and just to be married again soon. He has been rather unfortunate I judge in his children.

My Landlady has two Children, a little boy & girl, and makes a fool of herself and her son by loving him so much better than she does her daughter.

Cousin Joseph Stevens is prospering first rate at Grouts. Depot Master, Wood Agent &c. Has been reported as the best managed Depot on the Line. He has gone somewhat into trade too, in some heavy articles, Lime, Plaster, Flour. Wrote me he cleared $10.00 on Flour & Plaster trade in one Week. I wrote to him of Charle's Second Son. He wrote "If such occurrences are like to be frequent, pray advise him to emigrate to some better country, if the potatoe crop should fail there —"

Well I believe I have made quite a Letter of this. I hope you will write soon & abundantly, good old fashioned Letters. Affectionately J. S.

M Goffstown July 16th 49

Dear Mother,

I believe I have not yet answered your excellent letter of June 26. Seems to me if you only knew how much good your letters do you would write oftener. As for my coming home, the matter is uncertain. Still I do mean to get away if possible in August. I worked so well along in the Spring that I do not have to be so much hurried now a days. I can get along pretty easy, considerable care, but not a good deal to do at present except Office Work, and riding about to give directions and see that they are done right in all respects. I can not get away now on account of some Masonry which require constant looking after to have it done right. If I get that fixed up right after the first of August work is done up, if nothing else comes up which is probable, perhaps I can get away for a week.

As for Joseph I think he reads writes & thinks too much. Why can he not be contented to simply enjoy life without vexing his brain for any thing just for one season. Loaf round, ride about and lie in the sun, not read & write all the time. It is a great pity he could not come. I would have taken care of him good.

The Weather here has been extremely hot, and very dry. Ground all parched up. Hay only half a crop. Corn very backward for cold weather in June now looks as black as you please, & grand like every thing

I had a nice long letter from Anne the other day; but as she mentioned having just written to you, I suppose you have all the news I could write.

Lucy I suppose likely has gone back to Hampden. Her letter thankfully received I am about writing to her at Hampden.

Your Sister

J. S. M. Goffstown
July 16. 1849

Goffstown July 16 1849
Grace

"Parker's," West Goffstown, N. H.
Oct. 22. 1849

Dearest Mother,

It is night, and Everett has gone to bed. I sit here in my comfortable room thinking of home, dear home, and the loved ones there.
How I long to look in upon your quiet circle, and talk with Joseph, and enquire of all his health.
I do want to go home, but do not know when I can get away. I am confined here close enough at present; I have a Report, Plan & Estimates of the Survey to make out, which I find is no small task.
Even if I should succeed in crowding through that, there is getting to be quite a pressure of other business accumulating upon my hands: the Final Settlements with the Contractors and varied other matters which Everett did not dare to undertake, and which have been growing these two or three months.
At any rate I intend to come home; so you can expect; but mind not to get impatient, or look for me; if I do not come this Spring Even.
I believe, Mother, I write this letter, not because I have any thing particular to say or write; but mainly to enquire why you do not write to me. Really Mother, it is quite a while since I have seen one of your good old fashioned letters. Joseph writes, and you you perhaps stick in a bit in one corner somewhere;

but it will hardly do to call such @ letter.
I think you ought to do better. There are enough other younger people in the world to do the work mostly; and you should sit & read & talk to Joseph, and write letters to your children, when you are not going to visit them. give them your good advice, and let them have the benefit of your experience. Before I get to be of your age, I intend to have my council & advice, of more advantage and benefit to the world than all my work is now; and I think it is the same in your case now. "Old Men for Council, Young men for War" is as true as it ever was.
I am anxious to hear about Lucy's housekeeping arrangements for this winter. I am @ little inclined to think that you & Joseph had better spend the winter with her, had you not? some considerable part of it at least. Care must be taken for Joseph's travelling about though. He must not travel in the Stage or in in Charles' jolting wagon. but in an easy proper carriage and by short stages a little ways at @ time; so as by all means to avoid fatigue: if necessary not make the whole journey in one day. In this way I presume the journey would do him good rather than injury.
Is your health good this Fall? I am afraid you had too much of fatigue and care, with sickness in the house & care of Joseph & all.
My health is superexcellent. I lost weight some while out on the survey, worked down; but came back toughened and strong as you please, and now am fattening up like a hog. If you should'nt know me!

Our Minister here at Goffstown is sick; has a long Typhoid Fever. I watched with him a week since, & probably will again

There is no Meeting during his illness; so we have to stray off to the neighboring towns to Church.

The town next north of Goffstown, Dunbarton, is one of the best places I know of. There is not a tavern, a store, or a Lawyer in the town and it is years since there has been any such thing as a Drunkard, if indeed there ever was. The whole population turn out en masse to church. A meeting house nearly twice as large as the Goffstown House, which is never half full, is there always full of attentive hearers. and [illegible] the best looking most intelligent audience I ever saw. The Congregational Church there has never had but two Ministers. The first ordained when the town was first settled died full of years & [illegible] some forty years since and the present [illegible] in [illegible] Mr. Putnam was settled in his place.

You know the Riders of Brownville. They originated in Dunbarton. The mother still lives there one of the best women any where. He owns some land down on our R. R. Line in Weare, and the first time I saw him I said that man's name must be Rider from his resemblance to the Riders of Brownville.

Nov. 2d 1849. I have been expecting this fortnight to hear letters from some of you but as they do not come to hand I will send this after them. So write. [illegible] I went to Boston Monday, and right back. No special news here. It has been very warm has just become very cold. Aff. in haste

[illegible]

J. S. M. Goffstown
Nov 2, 1849

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Milo Maine

[illegible]town, Nov. 7. 1849

Dear Mother:

Why do you not write to me? Now Joseph is gone I can see no possible reason why you can not write so often. When he was at home we supposed you had considerable to do to take care of him, and made that an excuse for not writing. Joseph's going away to Waterford was quite unexpected to us. He wrote something about it, but I hardly thought he was in earnest; until we did not know of it I received a letter from Waterford. He has written to me twice since he arrived there. He [illegible] the journey it seems [illegible] than I had supposed he would. In fact I believe he & Eliab (from whom I have just heard), both think the journey did him good. I guess he finds himself very pleasantly situated at Waterford, and with some very pleasant acquaintances, especially that Mr. Isaiah Dole, Joseph's old teacher at Foxcroft, whom he liked so well, you know. I got a letter from him yesterday. He says he hardly dare to say certain, but has a notion that he can perceive an improvement since he has been there.

I wish I could get away to go there and visit him while there but it hardly seems possible for me to get away at present.

A letter from Lucy lately, she says they are going to move into the Hawthorne house, instead of the one they first intended; which must certainly be quite an improvement in many respects. I think it is a fine situation. Lucy says you are going to stay with her a long time when she gets to keeping house. So I expect when I get down East again I shall find you there.

My health is excellent. I have got as fat as you please since I got back from the Survey. There is no news here; the principal topic of thought & conversation still being the miserable poverty of the New Hampshire Central Rail Road Corporation and all connected with it. The Corporation must be now owing me considerably over three hundred dollars.

It is a very rainy day indeed today, so we are confined to the house entirely and I am writing this letter not because I have any thing at all to write, but merely because I want to hear from you. It seems a great while since I have had a letter from you. How many times have I written

[illegible] this since you wrote to me?
Our Minister has got most well of his fever, not enough however to preach yet. But his pulpit is now supplied by neighboring ministers.
There are many sick about here. Fevers (typhoid fevers I believe they are called) are prevailing considerably. Two or three about here whom I found are about sick with very bad colds &c.

I will not send this letter because I really think it is worth sending, but because I think the writing it may do me as much good as the postage.

One item of news I forgot almost. I went to Boston the other day. Only just went down & right back on business.
I do want to hear from you all. How has Almeda's lame foot got along, and how are all the Children.
Love to all. My time is short.

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P. S. M. Goffstown
Nov 10 1847

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J. S. M. Goffstown Nov. 13 1849

Goffstown, N. H. Nov. 13. 1849

My Dear Mother

I received your kind and excellent letter yesterday. You cannot imagine how much good your letters do me; if you did you would write oftener than you usually do lately.

I am afraid from your letter that you are very lonesome since Joseph has gone away. Now I do not think you do just right about it. I suppose you shut yourself up there with Albina, and hardly see any one else once a week, living in a perfect monotony, varied only by reading till your eyes ache. I do not know but it is wrong. Scripture says it is not good for man to be alone, and all experience proves conclusively that Society is necessary to mankind; necessary to the proper health, happiness, & developement of mind & feeling.

Moreover in your case it is not right to shut yourself up there alone: for the benefit which you might do to others: that you know is the true object of life; we have no right to live for ourselves alone. Just think now how much real good it would do Mrs Henry Sargent, and him too, for you to go over there and spend the day. They would feel better and be better and happier for a week. I really think they are good people

And do you not believe you yourself would be full as happy and comfortable for spending a day in such a manner with Mrs Sargent, or up with Mrs. Lee, or over with Mrs Furber. Or a nice friendly call upon some of the Younger Ladies, Ellen Brown or Angella Everett. How much good it would do them. Hardly any thing is in reality so agreeable or so profitable to the Young as the kindness and interest shown in them by the Old. I do believe the benefit to yourself would be great. A constant brooding upon our own personal cares, troubles, or even joys, injures any one. Self corrodes self; its cares sort of eat their place into the heart. While on the contrary a partaking the cares, troubles, or joys of others is rather a benefit. It expands the heart, and does not in reality increase one's own sorrow while it divides that of another.

There — is not that quite a Lecture to my Mother? I hope you will give me one twice as long upon some of my shortcomings to pay me for it.

I did not get fairly through with mine though. I meaned to say also something about your being disposed when you read it, to say "Cant"; You cant get started. Why not? It would really do Charles good, besides being a pleasure to him, to carry you up to Brownville, or wherever you want to go.

I suppose Lucy & Samuel will soon, if indeed they have not already done so, move into the Rathbone house. When they get to housekeeping I suppose you will go and make them a nice visit. It would be hardly fair not to, and I know you would enjoy yourself there with them. You will meet Joseph there when he comes back, and I am not quite sure that both of you had not better spend the winter there. Do you not think that it would be better for him?

Joseph you know feels somewhat encouraged that he is improving at Waterford. He is certainly more pleasantly situated there than I expected. I presume the journey and the company are really beneficial to him. You seemed to think he was "worse" better before he went away, because his limbs were weaker. I regarded that as favorable: the lameness in his back was "scattering" of course his limbs would be temporarily worse; would not that be natural?

It is very uncertain about my being able to go Down East this fall. I have written to Joseph to let me know when he gets ready to go home, and if I can possibly get away I will go on there and accompany him to Portland, if I can go no farther. Perhaps I can go clear home. By the way, pray do not worry about my working too hard nowadays. At present I have some of

the easiest times you please. I cannot very easily get away much to be sure; but my occupation is little but riding about to see that all things go on just right. By & by when the Track Laying get along to my own Division I shall have more work to do myself.
Now, is sort of "between hay & grass" here.

I believe you did not write any thing about Almeda and the Children. You do not shut yourself up so as not even to see them do you! I want to hear about them. Almeda has recovered from her lameness, has she not?

I have not heard from Sister Anne for a long time.

Do your Spectacles fit your Eyes exactly? Ought you not to get the glasses changed occasionally?

I wish I could come home just to show you how fat I am; and my whiskers!

Well, I guess I have written nonsense enough for one time.

Do write to me — Affectionately
J. S.

[illegible]town, Dec. 2d 1849. [illegible]

[illegible] dear

Your letter I received a little less than a week since. Because it did me a good deal of good, and I wanted to write again as soon as I could, so as to get another one like it, before a great while. You want I should come home and stay "a good long while." Now I do not think you had better wish quite so. In order to be at home "a good long while," I must be out of business. And to be out of business is the worst thing I could have. My business is a very good one as long as I have enough of it; but it is good for nothing if I am out of business you know. I have been extremely [illegible] so far in finding business. I am quite afraid my good success in this respect will not continue long.

To be sure I want to go home as much probably as any of you can want me to, but we can not always have all our wants, and I suppose I must be content till I have constant employment and get a chance to go home once or twice in a year. For the rest, you must come and see me when I cannot leave business, [illegible] have to get married some of these years to have a chance to remain [illegible], and I must be satisfied with letters from home instead of visits there.

to tell the truth however, there is considerable prospect that I may be out business some part of the Winter, and have time enough to go home.

You say you think you had not better be at Hampden very long. Why not? I really believe it would be better for you, besides doing Lucy good, to stay there a good while. I think you are apt to get too moping & dull there at Thilo, with only Albina, & need Lucy &c. to keep up your Spirits. You know that "Lecture" I wrote the other time about ~~Young~~ Society. I suppose when I begin upon any ~~young~~ Subject I say so much that you have generally got in the habit of thinking it all does not mean any thing at all. I expect it is a bad habit of mine, but I really think myself there is at least a grain of truth in it sometimes. You say you are "growing Old" Now I suppose that Society is really much more absolutely essential to the old, than to the Young.

I am very glad to hear that they are getting along so well in finishing off that last Room. I hope it will soon be done up in shape. I think there had better not be any Close Stove in the Room, perhaps a Franklin or something of the kind. I believe it is decided to be a fact that no kind of Close Stoves can be as healthy as Open fires, especially for the Sick. [illegible] will probably want to be there this Winter, will he not? Or do you think he had better stay at Bangor, or Hampden with Lucy? His complete recovery you know must be the work of time.

I do not know as I have any news to write about.

Had a letter recently from Cousin Joseph A. S. They are very well, and anxious to see me there. I have been wanting to go back there for some time: thought I would go [illegible] Thanksgiving time, last week, just the day, but we were [illegible] putting up Depot Buildings and I could not get away. Joseph is doing first rate on the Rail Road, has all the charge of Freight on the Branch, and two or three to help him. I presume is pretty well paid. He is trying to get me back there this winter if they finish building the Branch. Folks all well.

I have not heard from Home for a long time. [illegible] you have a Thanksgiving [illegible]

Nov. 4th. I intended to finish this Letter and send it yesterday, but we had a great snow storm, and I did not get out to the Post Office; but was busy "in Office" all day. It was the first snow of the season; perhaps 6 inches of it, and I judge it will make pretty good sleighing if it stays on.

I was thinking yesterday, while going over Calculations and settling up final Estimates for Contractors, that I had got pretty near closing up my business here; and can soon get through, if they do not proceed in pushing the Road any farther. So that perhaps you may expect me home sometime before a great while. But I cannot stop to write more now; So good bye, & do write soon.

Affectionately
J. S. M.

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Mrs Anna M. Metcalf
Milo Maine

Pl. Chg. J. S. M.

J. S. M. Goffstown
Dec. 4. 1847

J. S. M. Goffstown, Jan 5 1850

Goffstown, N.H. Jan. 5. 1850

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter yesterday I think after expecting it a good while. Of course I need not say how much good "Mother's Letters" always do me.

I am really glad to hear that you are going to Hampden, for I do believe that you will enjoy a visit there. I am by no means sure that you ought not to spend most of your time with Lucy. You could not help being happier with her than with Albina. If so you certainly should; for I know of nothing in the world to confine you in any place but where your children are. I believe you think you are growing old. Now I think moving about is much more essential for Old folks than for the young: they ought to spend their time mostly in visiting their children.

Did you ever hear of an old proverb that Mothers always like their daughter's husbands better than their Son's wifes? Is n't it somewhat true? If so you had better live with Lucy much of the time until I get married. But I intend some time to get a wife so superlatively super excellent you will be so pleased with her as to want to live with us most all of the time! I hope you will not be too impatient for the time to come! for I hardly know where to find her yet, and I want of course to be very sure.

About Joseph, I agree with you entirely that he is too apt to adhere to the advice of his physicians rather than to consult his own feelings; Moreover, I do think that Douchs injurious to him, and I wrote to him immediately to that effect; I guess he thought so himself.
I am quite flattered to find that this great German Doctor, who is really celebrated, coincides with me in the course of treatment he recommends for Joseph; quiet, freedom from fatigue, gentle application of Water. If he does stay there at Waterford, I think Joseph had better by all means remain there, perhaps for a year. If Dr. Mande does not stay there, I have very little opinion of Prescott, and I want Joseph to return to Milo or Hampden, remain quiet, pursue the Water treatment very gently, and Wait.
I repeat, as I have always done, that his cure must be effected by rest, quiet, and by time.
I have lately heard of ~~one or two~~ two cases of injury to the Spine, apparently worse originally than Joseph's, which by mere time without treatment, Eventually recovered. A Nephew of Mrs. Putnam of Dunbarton many years since, was totally disabled by an injury to the back worse than Joseph's; was two or three years unable to move his limbs at all, at least half a dozen years unable to do anything at all, but gradually recovered, and fully, so that he is now one of the smartest men there in any where. I regret more than every thing the violent treatment to which Joseph was first subjected; as just so much retarding his cure.

I went off Dec. 25. round to Mass., Montague & Northfield, and staid over Sabbath. I did not go to Warwick or Royalston, I had not time. Saw Uncle Joseph at Northfield. They are very well this winter all round. Joseph is doing first rate on the Rail Road, acquiring a grand reputation, and doing well every way.

I went round there to see about business. I shall probably leave here before long. At the rate they are like to progress ~~for~~ this road, there is little object for me to stay. I was privately assured the other day that if Mr Chase our Chief Engineer, had concluded to leave, I should have been requested to take his place! but that would have been ridiculous for one of my limited experience. However according to present appearances, there can be little for Mr Chase & I both to do here. and I had better leave. I am offered a place where they are just going to complete that Branch of the Vt. & Mass. road into Greenfield but it is not what I want, only two or three miles of Road, and little to do. I do not know but I may go upon that celebrated Troy ~~Road~~ & Greenfield R.R. I hate too. There could perhaps be no better chance for my advancement, than on that Road, but it is an ill country, and farther off. I should probably have to go into New York State, or extreme Western Mass. or Vt. So I dread it. I am expecting to hear this week.

I wish I could get a good situation on a Maine R.R. but unfortunately I have no influence in that quarter. One must go where he can. And I ought to be thankful to be able to keep in New England or Northern States.

Hannah Parsons, did you know had lost another infant. and Albert & Maria, though well as usual, are by no means rugged. Ardelia's oldest son is very ill lame, fever sore or something for a long time.
Coz Maria teaches school & boards at home.
The Northfield Churches are both very well repaired, new furnaces &c. The Unitarians very much pleased with their new Minister. Mr Wm Field of Northfield committed suicide, hung himself in Church shed last week. My Rufus Holton, (did you see him when at Northfield) is married, and very well, and I am glad.

Cousin Joseph's business has increased so that he has one other Clerk beside Humphrey all the time. He speculates profitably too on Corn, Flour, lime & plaster.

My health is as good as can be. 15 lbs heavier than last Summer. Not a great deal to hurry me. Finishing up my business by day and going visiting by evening.
It is grand good sleighing besides.
I believe I have written you about my visit to Lowel & all the folks.

A. L. S. S. M.

Lucy, it is well for you to care how you may please your husband, I believe the bible does not forbid it; but pray do not forget all the rest of the world; and especially remember to write to me. do. "be good." If I had a New Year's present for you you may get it soon after it get through here.
Do write to me about Elijah, if he will not write to me.

Good bye all S. S. M.

Home, June 2d, 5[illegible]

Dear Mother & [illegible]

I do not know but we ought to have written last week, but you know that things here go on so still and straight that there is not much to write about; and then besides it must be remembered that this is with farmers a very busy season of the year! The Valise and letters came safe to hand Friday night and gladdened us much. We expect Lucy will get well enough the last of this week, or first of next, to come up here with you and stay quite a spell to recruit her health.

Joseph has left Homeopathic, and partly Hydropathic, and now makes vigorous and frequent assaults upon a big earthern pan full of Syrup Sarsaparilla, which I have prepared, besides munching an occasional sprig of Pipsissewa, to say nothing of figs & Maple sugar which Elijah sent up; and just now a Juniper [illegible]. You will readily perceive that in most of these I can afford him some assistance so as to get along faster and better, and we expect to have him get well right away.

Moreover since the Botany Books came up he is going into the study & examination of Plants & flowers right and left diligently. In this last we especially want the presence and cooperation of Lucy, whom we hereby request you to bring up as soon as may be convenient. {N.B. perhaps she might also assist us somewhat in some of the before mentioned operations upon Sarsaparilla, Pipsissewa, figs sugar & Juniper}

The subscription paper is started

[illegible] Five dollars 5

[illegible] Rice Three dollars fifty cents 3.5

Anna M. Metcalf Five dollars 5

C. W. Rich " " 5

[illegible] Metcalf " " 5

Russell Kittredge " " 5 &c to amount of forty or fifty.

" " the scamp put down only 1 but said he would put

X 1 — if they could succeed — pretty way that.

John Dolen will pay one dollar it is said.

You write Mother about sending up for Lucy to do housework &c.

The East part of the house is by some mysterious agency constantly cleansed purified and put in better order than it has had the habit of, every morning before the people of the house are up, which is pretty early, or thereabouts sometimes.

I talk some of offering to contract to do the rest of the house work, cooking &c. for the family and household. I rather think I could spare a couple of hours per diem from my multifarious occupations, to attend to that branch also.

I notice sometimes that these things seem to worry the individual who now performs them.

To be sure, one day when she went off visiting sewing meeting or something, I came near getting wound up in it myself: one of my subjects called Charley being left to her in a rather badly cross, fretful & sickish state. However I finally drugged him with capers, and got him to sleep, did the same to Joseph & Mr Temple who was then present, and then went off to Ploughing in the field.

54 A letter from Sister Elisabeth Anne Racine was received at this place on Friday we last. It was directed to A. M. Metcalf, but being to the care of C. M. Rich, the latter individual "bust 'em open" and we devoured the contents. I believe she wrote that she had written much & more too to Lucy lately. So we will hardly copy [illegible] — — [illegible]

Samuel

June 3rd 1850

Joseph M. M. to Samuel W. F. saith

"I, J. M. Metcalf hereby depose, that in my humble and unwell founded opinion, an error has occurred in your calculations of interest on Sales of our joint account of Flour.

The cost of the flour was charged to me in private account bearing interest, therefore the proceeds of sales ought to bear interest from the time they were received, which will make a difference as I estimate of two dollars or thereabout.

But as the trouble of sales &c came entirely upon you I am well satisfied to let it remain as it now is.

* (Note by the Scribe) Samuel, "Just charge him 2½ per cent commission on the Sales"

Contribution boxes yesterday for benefit and relief of the Temple contained from $500 to six dollars. Subscriptions $80.00 &c.

Mr Temple is now here came "[illegible]" &c.

Will probably go to Bangor week from today much encouraged

Mrs. Anna M. Metcalf
Care of S. W. Furber Esq
Bangor
Maine

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Nuts
Jennet

Miles C. Hampden
June 2: 1850

Milo, Maine, June 14. 1858

Dearly Beloved Mother & Lucy

A letter from you long
desired and earnestly expected is just now received.
And I am very joyfully disposed to write in answer
thereunto to send by return of Mail tomorrow.

As for Mother's coming home, do pray put both of
your hearts perfectly at rest as to any necessity or
demand for her return until you are both of you
entirely ready therefor, be it days, weeks, or months.
The only thing we would request of you is to
write to us occasionally to let us know of
your well being. That appears to be the only special
want we have nowadays not constantly supplied.
At any rate, do not come home without bringing
both of you. though with with that proviso
Of course the quicker you come the better.

And my Charge unto you Mother is — be you care-
ful of that girl Lucy (I do not know but she would like to
have me call her Matron, but I won't till she gets well)
if she cannot take care of herself. I should have thought
most any of you would have known better than to send
her to Church. I suppose if the truth were to be told
the going to Meeting half a day is in reality as hard
for an Invalid as to do half a days washing.
This is [illegible]

The [illegible] measures 1¾ Yds. nearly in circumference and 15 to 18 in. in Radius
This is said to be the amount of cloth required [illegible]

We wrote to you to send by Mr Farber or John last week, stating how well we were and prosperous, and, only wanting You & Lucy to come when you got ready

Joseph partly thinks that he imagines that he has been getting better or at least not worse since June, whether to attribute it to

Biology
Non Homeopathy
Sarsaparilla
Botany
Maple Sugar

or Imagination he knows not.

Mr Temple has returned to Bangor this week. You will probably see him at your place. he will return ~~thither~~ here last of next week probably, and he or some one else will preach here 3/4 of the time the ensuing year. I think upwards of $100. is raised therefor

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Almeda wants you to get for her a
Vail
A pair of Black Silk Gloves.
A " " Cheap " for Lucy
Lucy's shoes are already purchased.
The Carpet is not come

Josie and Charlie, I take care of myself of course you will not be concerned that they are not **best** taken care of

Lucy, — get well slowly and surely, not so about tire & sicken yourself but get well and come up. How nice we will be. Joseph says bring up your Herbarium.
He will show you great things (if my spirit).

Farming. Charles finished off sowing &c last week nicely, but this week came very big rain, water rose nearly as high as it has been before over low part of the intervale, fell down again immediately May kill some of the oats.
Corn grain & all sorts of crops are up and growing finely.
And the flowers are about as much as we can manage.

This is from the folks
and my name
is
Isaac

[illegible] me
Jun 18

[illegible] 6

To the Care of
Samuel W. Thurber Esq
Bangor

[illegible] Hampden
June 14 1850

Chester June 1, [illegible]

[illegible] Illinois June [illegible]

[illegible] a strange place.
[illegible] so hard this [illegible] but I do [illegible] undertake to go a long way for [illegible] uncertain [illegible], [illegible] from [illegible] (which I [illegible] like) [illegible] from Kentucky. So [illegible] sit in this little old "Chester House" with the [illegible] washing [illegible] and [illegible]; and [illegible], thinking of you all Down East. How I do [illegible] to hear from you. I seems as if [illegible] ages since I left Bangor, and I have [illegible] heard one word from [illegible] you [illegible] I started. [illegible] some of you about every week. A fortnight [illegible] Chicago I sent [illegible] a [illegible] of letters. [illegible] some [illegible] since [illegible] could not send until [illegible] to some [illegible] a letter to Bangor on the Steamboat [illegible] [illegible], I think, and [illegible] reached Chester.

I [illegible] here at Chester some three days. [illegible] is [illegible] of [illegible] Co. some 50 miles [illegible] perhaps [illegible] the Prairies. I believe I [illegible] and [illegible] Locust Hill [illegible] will doubtless reach there. It is the name [illegible] place [illegible] our head quarters [illegible] Post Office [illegible] is

Mt. Hawkins, Perry Co. Ill.

The safest direction will probably be to Care of B. G. Roots Esq. Mt. Hawkins, Perry Co. Ill. The name of the county [illegible] in the direction here.

Whether [illegible] 5 or 6 [illegible] I cannot tell how I shall like, or what kind of a situation I shall have. [illegible] only [illegible] of $65.00 [illegible]. [illegible] may [illegible] 90 a 100. [illegible] climate does not agree with me I shall not stay at any rate. [illegible] Illinois [illegible] has been considered unhealthy, but it is probably only from the character [illegible] population. The [illegible] where I am [illegible] is considered one [illegible] in the State in all respects.

I came [illegible] here from Caledonia on Thursday last. The Steamer [illegible] Kentucky [illegible], Louisville, St. Louis [illegible] "Fanni", [illegible] 20 miles from here, and [illegible], creeping along with [illegible] to make a Landing, [illegible] in a small boat at Midnight, half a mile below the City or Village, [illegible] Village is an organised City here. Moreover the flood was over the highway [illegible] extremely difficult reaching the Village any how. But Mr [illegible]

pumping water out of his mill by night, absolutely refused to permit me to try to go [illegible] the village that night, but took me up to his house and treated me to his very best lodging & breakfast with true western hospitality.

Friday I rode twenty miles or more horse back, in the middle of a very hot day too. 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. (round about it) You would say enough to use up one completely at the east, one who had not been on a horse for 1/2 doz. years perhaps.

But it did not hurt or tire me at all. They have splendid saddles out here, stuffed and quilted as soft as a Cushion, and then the ~~saddles~~ saddle horses, trained to a gait, sort of Canter, very different from a hard trot. They ride horseback almost [illegible], single wagons or buggies being very rare, and the roads used almost entirely [illegible] very hard footing for one horse in the middle

In [illegible] ... in sight of Mississippi River; Corn 6 to 10 ft. high just tasselling out, and some only just out of the ground. Wheat mostly cut and poorly shooked up in the field. Abundant orchards, especially of peaches, some cherries. Road sides abounding in big blackberries which I could pick abundantly without dismounting. However there are some evils, probably else the country might be Paradise.

In the bushes every where abound what they call Wood ticks, much like a sheep tick, with a little white spot in the middle, who adhere and bite considerable. Worse yet are what they call "jiggers" a little red thing about as big as the point of a needle, found I learned to my sorrow among blackberry bushes &c., who burrow into or under the skin, occasioning considerable burning itching & pain, and a hard bunch or blotch, like that of a musquitoe on a stranger, only much more so. and sometimes getting ulcerous.

[illegible] ... until Monday, which makes rather [illegible]

Eve. I have not been at Church all day today, on account of the rain much thick Illinois deep mud, long hill to climb &c. In fact I am told there were but 10 out this A.M. and even the minister did not go this P.M. I have slept most of the time I believe!

My health is very good. The weather for a week or two past has been about the same as our warmest weather in N.E. I sweat profusely as usual, and am much of the time very thirsty. I do not know whether from drinking the river water, from restraining myself from drinking as much as I desire, or from the food of the Country, which is universally most abominably too much salted. The main article of food is Bacon every where in Illinois, the whole half hog salted & smoked in a side, always very salt. And at public houses, steam boat, &c. they make the beef just so salt! And drink Coffee, Coffee. strong as lye, three times a day, in vast quantities. Coffee & Bacon are the two necessaries of life [illegible]. In the Mississippi [illegible] make fever & agues! I expect.

It is now June 29. I think it will not do to send this letter till after friday and the new Postage Law is in Operation. You must write to me when you find out where I am. I believe I shall direct this letter to Sawyer, [illegible] you are there now with Lucy. Yours Affectionately [illegible]

Du Quoin, March 31, '54

Dear Mother

I suppose you would have got a letter from us a little sooner if Antoinette had not been unwell. However I suppose Charles wrote to Milo last Sunday so that you have doubtless heard somewhat of us.

I was away to St Louis a week or more, and on my return a week since found Antoinette quite sick. Charles perhaps wrote you about her ~~getting~~ frightened. She was probably not quite well; mayhap a little billious and nervous, with a bad head-ache when the big kitchen stove fell down with a tremendous crash. Abby was ironing & little Mayo tied in a little chair under the stove almost. The little fellow

was really not hurt at all,
but had a very narrow escape
from fire, stove, stove pipe, big
kettle of boiling water &c. &c. was
pretty well covered with soot
and ashes but unhurt.
but the sudden shock com-
pletely prostrated poor Antoin-
ette; threw her at once into
a ~~high~~ fever, took away all
her strength at once, and
she has not yet recovered
from it. However we expect
she will get strong pretty soon
and then we are going East.
It is proposed to start as soon
as the fifth of May, and I shall
very likely go clear on to
New Hampshire with her; but
may not be able to do more
or go farther and must
return here at once.
However if I do I shall

intend to go East again in July or August to make a longer stay.

It seems from letters from you that it has been quite sickly there about in Milo the past winter. More so very likely than it ever is here about. People here may not have as robust health as at the East; but still I doubt if in healthy localities here they are as sick. For two weeks past here has been very unseasonably - unusually cold. Two weeks ago the peach trees were beginning to bloom, and the various leaves to come out, and that is all that can be said of them now. It has been colder than any weather since the cold spell in January

unseasonable weather is never healthy I expect; and as a con=sequence of this cold weather in the season for warm weather, many here are complaining; though perhaps none are very sick.

I dont know when Charles will conclude to go East. This Winter Climate certainly agrees with him. He has I guess been better than usual through the winter. he is making mo=ney, and it seems bad for him to leave before warm weather. At Wages, he can clear at least $2.00 per day; above all expenses, as long as he will stay. which is probably better than he could do at home.

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Probably his decision will depend upon what he hears can be done at Philo for help on his farm. He says there is little to do do there until haying. And if he could get the work done there for $20. or $26. per month about as well as he could do it himself And he could be earning 50. or 60 per month here. it might be well for him to stay longer than till ~~Crop~~ seed time.

Little Mayo Dalcoign, Dulcoign Mayo is getting on finely nowadays. his health seems to be very good. He creeps all about smartly, raises himself up as he pleases by chair or any thing, and stand quite strong, but does not undertake to walk yet.

He has got teeth, two or three probably! It is hardly known

hardly known how many, he is so extremely careful of them. Even if his mouth were open his tongue is always put close to his lower jaw; and to try to touch them with the finger he resists most astonishingly, squirming like a young Eel. It is said to be a fact that in spite of all the women; it was a full week after the spoon rattled daily against his then teeth before any one ever saw them.

It is quite a comfort & convenience, that in Antoinette's so poor health she has got so good a Nurse for the little one.

You tell me to use my influence to put off the work here till another winter &c. Unfortunately my influence is otherwise engaged. I am a Man (under Authority). My directions are to have

the work done as rapidly as possible, at any expense. If I can do a peice of work now for ten thousand dollars, it is no difference if I know I could do it for five next year. Never Mind, do it now. It is of great object to get the work done at once, and no expense is to be spared. Why I am trying to get it all done up & get clear away by July or August at any rate.
And I have carte blanche for funds, if I will only get the work done.
Antoinette was about writing when she was taken sick, to you. She sends her love and will write when she get stronger.
We both hope you will write to us often & much.

Affectionately
I. P. & Ettie
Metcalf

Isaac & Ettie
March 1854

Dunbarton N. H.
Sept 6. 1856

Dear Mother

Mayo is dead.

I wrote to you that he was sick when I got here. The disease proved to be Dysentery, of the most malignant kind. Nothing seemed to check it, or to do any good, and it reduced him rapidly. He did not have his clothes on after Monday, and not attempt to walk any then. In spite of all medecine or Doctors could do the evacuations continued every few minutes, or an hour at the most, and of the worst character, worse & worse. We had Dr Carr of West Goffstown whom I knew and relied upon. I do not

do not know but he did all that a Physician could do for him.
We did not entirely give up all hope until a few hours before death which took place, this morning, Saturday morning, at fifteen minutes before four o clock.
Mayo was very patient in all his sickness and pain. He never complained without he was asked, always took his medecine, and did as he was told without a murmer.
Sometimes he said "Father, I want to be well." "Cant you give me some thing, Father, to make me well".
Oh it is a hard thing to see a little child suffer so. Several times in his delirium the last days, he would say, "Oh! I'm afraid, I'm afraid to get down there". I told Kittie this morning that I did all my crying several days ago. I had a sort of feeling from the first

almost that he was not going to get well. I was with him all the time, and took about all the care of him, from Sunday morning, till he died at fifteen minutes before four oclock this morning. I was hardly out of his sight three minutes at any time till the afternoon before he died. Oh! Mother, he was not all I had to live for, by any means, but Oh, what a void it does make! He was my first born, my joy, my pride, my strength. I was too prepared for it by days of expectation, while Nittie never felt that her glorious boy could die till last night. She, his mother, she is almost crushed. Pray for us that we may feel that it is the Lord. He gave, and He hath taken away. Pray that we may feel that "He doeth all things well". Mayo has been a comfort, and a joy, to us these years. We ought to bless the Giver for that.

We want to hear from you, what arrangements you & Samuel are making for the future; and how you are getting along these days.

We have got word from Elyria. They did not buy any place for us. The one we wanted was sold. But they have rented a house in the Village for us. I suppose likely we had better go out there, if you have any other way to get along; and I do not see why you cannot. Let Elijah move his folks up into Samuel's house. It will be convenient all around. Convenient about getting to their business together, save house rent for Elijah, besides getting his family into a healthier place

I want to hear what you do.

We shall probably go before a great while, if we go to Elyria

Isaac

Contoocook, Merrimack Co
Tuesday Sept. 16. 1856

My Dear Father

I wrote a few words in a letter sent previously, begun by Samuel, or Susanna, to let you know that the hand of the Lord had again fallen heavy upon us.
Your letter so full of kindness and sympathy, though disclosing the additional affliction, at Bangor, in the death of the little Lucy, came to us at the same time. Her death, though I suppose was nothing so much unexpected by any one.
But our children were so healthy, and strong. Little Willie was never healthier stronger or fatter, than the Sabbath Mayo was buried, only one week before we laid him too away in the same quiet bed.
He was a very strong & healthy, as well as a very beautiful child. How he did run about the rooms on all fours, so fast you could hardly see his feet move, turning back over his shoulder to laugh, for we could but laugh to see him run so; then springing up to push a chair about the room. Neither of them walked alone.

All who saw his corpse called him, a remarkably large bodied, & full chested Child.
Monday 8th he had a little Diarrhea, but was well – the Diarrhea grew worse, but we should not probably have been alarmed, if we had not just lost Mayo. Tuesday evening the Doctor came in and called it a severe teething diarrhea. His upper teeth were just coming through. Another Doctor since says it was Cholera Infantum. Wednesday he was very sick, & Wednesday night – Thursday morning he seemed very much exhausted, but we thought the disease had spent itself, and he was reviving. Friday morning he seemed really better. But towards night became very restless & uneasy, and grew more & more so. I suppose Dropsy, or some effusion of Water or blood upon the brain commenced. Saturday Morning he fairly screamed for hours with pain & excitement of the brain, and before 9 A.M. had Convulsions. He seemed to suffer extremely, and died very hard indeed.
He was sick so short time, his flesh had not gone at all. How beautiful the little corpse was, so plump & full, fresh & fair, clean and white as snow. It did not look like a dead body at all; but more like some beautiful wax work.

Little Willie was buried Sabbath at 5 P.M. (14th Sept

There was quite a crowd at the funeral.

Mr Mayo's funeral was Sabbath forenoon Sept 7 at the Church, a Sermon by Mr Eaton the Baptist minister; and the whole large congregation followed to the grave. Every body knew him you see, and he had been at Church, as regularly as any body, for Months.

Neither Father or Mother Putnam begin to gain strenght yet, are almost entirely helpless, requiring two watchers or nurses every night, but we hope they have got to the worst & will now recover, but they are so feeble, that it will be slowly.

Nettie was worn out & exhausted with fatigue & excitement all last week. Friday 12th she was attacked with Dysentery, though she did not entirely give up until about the time little Willie died, but she has not been off her bed since. The Doctors say her Dysentery is very mild, but must have its course or run of 8 or 10 days; and she is so entirely prostrated & exhausted that she will have to lie still a week or two. I take care of her Baby Asenath who is good as can be, and almost invaluable to us takes all the care of Little Wilder both day & night, & has for a week or two. He has had Diarrhea & threatened with worse, but the Doctors think now it is checked, and that he will not be really sick any more.

My own health is good, and has been all the time; though both last week & week before I was somewhat worn out with care and watching. I have now entirely recovered that.

Jennie had the Dysentery first; was sick 2 or 3 weeks, and was just recovering when the rest were taken sick. She has taken most of the care of Father, sometimes day & night both.

Asenath takes care of Wilder, & orders the house. Miss Hannah Marshall takes care of Mrs Putnam. And the neighbors are very kind indeed; some of them are in almost all the time to help, sometimes two or three of them all night.

We think the sick are all doing well now.

When we shall go to Ohio, no one can tell. Perhaps Nellie will hardly feel like keeping house any more. How desolate any home will be to us. God has taken away the circle Pearl, around our table, whose presence made every place so sunny and joyous to us. I fear we will be pressed and unhappy in [illegible] times.

I cannot write more.

You must write to us. We want a letter of your health constantly.

I will try to write again soon. I have much to [illegible].

Sincerely & Affectionately

With much love from Nellie and [illegible]

Dec. 7, 1856

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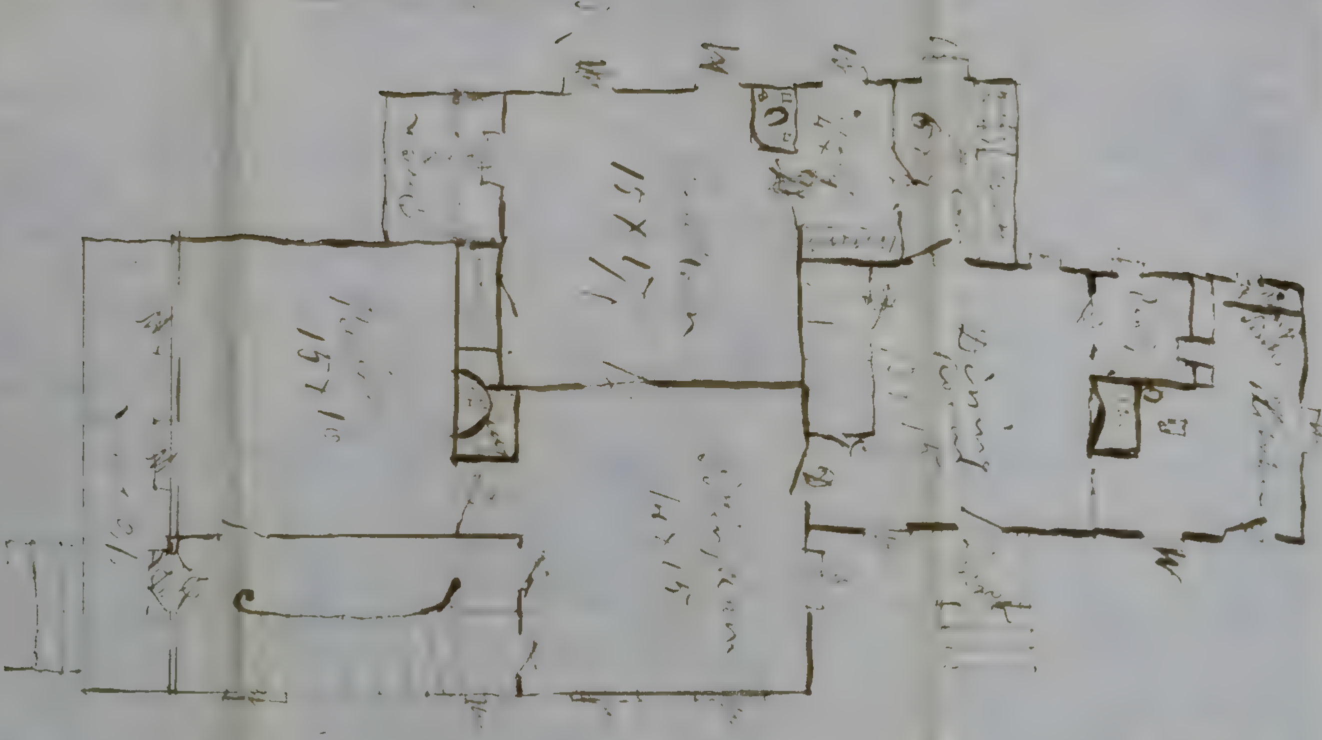

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The [illegible]

[illegible] inside [illegible]

[illegible]

a pair of [illegible] divans, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] esteem.

... a Copper ... ... has an iron boiler pipe passing through the stove fire; ...

... ... ience; and moreover is ... handy in the kitchen, where from a stop cock in the cylinder, hot water can be drawn at any time; without the trouble of it on the stove.

Above stairs, are three large Chambers, only one of which ... ... two back Chambers, one of which the kitchen ... ... a ... of the house. ... part of the house; ... rooms below, ... furnace.

There ... ... weather, ... here every day at least. ... she ... it oftener than some of us do ... going over there.

It has been rainy & muddy weather much of the time since we have been here; but it ... just very clear, bright, cold, ...

Nettie gets along admirably housekeeping ... though I tell her she is too "Careful & troubled

"[illegible]"

[illegible]

How glad I should be to have you [illegible]

[illegible] argument [illegible]

[illegible] your letter [illegible]

[illegible] love is the [illegible]

[illegible]

Isaac

Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio.
Dec. 30th, 1856

Dearest Mother

How glad we were to get the first letter from you after you were sick! How wonderfully rapidly you did get over your sickness! In one week from the time you were sickest, you were sitting up all day; and writing us a letter too. We have been much afraid that you would be 'too smart', and get tired, or take cold, and not get on so fast for it. But we hope you are before now as strong & well as ever; though indeed it would be nothing at all strange if, being sick so just at the beginning of winter, you should be in a degree delicate and obliged to be unusually careful of fatigue or exposure till Spring. But you will be nicely smart by Spring, say April, when you want to come out here with Samuel and Percy. Then the balmy Spring breezes of the Buckeye State will do you good all the more.

We just had a nice letter from Samuel

from Samuel, saying that he and Percy would probably come out in April.

"We are all in very good health, and enjoying quite a degree of comfort. Anna is getting well rested from the fatigues of the Ladies Fair. Nettie is pretty smart, and quite "housekeepy" (Have you read Mrs Stowe's "Dred"?) Jennie has been most sick ever since the Fair. (She was not well then, and got too much fatigued, she was one of the Saleswomen at the Fair.) but she is a getting better now. As for me I am getting ever so fat & hearty. Judge De Witt says I have changed wonderfully since I have been out here; and that I look as well now as he has ever seen me.

Little Paul Wilder is fat & hearty as need be, as happy as a Cricket, glad at nothing all day long, begins to try to talk, and to walk some; has six teeth & more coming.

Our keeping house seems to work finely. All we seem to lack is to have you here with us, and to show us how to enjoy it. We are really quite comfortably situated.

Christmas Day, the Judge & all his family were here with us, including Miss Woodbury. Nettie calls it her first experience in getting up "A Dinner", and it is supposed she made

made out very well. At any rate, I call myself a judge of such things, & I called the Oyster Soup good, and the Roast Turkey weighed nearly 20 lbs and was well cooked. As for the puddings & pies fruits & nuts, as they are not all eaten yet, I will not attempt to speak.

I expect to go to Illinois next week, and when I shall get back I cannot yet tell. I suppose I ought to have gone before, perhaps, but somehow I have had no inclination to tear myself away.

Antoinette & I expect to unite with the Church here before I go away, and Jennie will probably do so at the same time. I hardly knew what to do about my case. I wrote to Mr Sewall of Brownville some two months ago, hoping to get from him some statement of the condition of the Old Cong. Church in Mild, but have heard nothing from him. I told the Minister & Elders here, and they have decided to admit me upon a statement of the case. I thought I had lived about long enough in such a case, and that it was about time for me to belong somewhere. So I preferred to unite with the Church here, even although I might move away from here within six months.

Dear mother

Isaac has told you of the pleasure we all felt at your speedy recovery - I do hope you will be better than ever now, and able in the Spring to come out here and make two households glad with your presence. You would enjoy seeing our only little one - he is so pleasant and happy and merry all day long. O how lonely should we be without him! He is standing by me now looking at the picture of two dogs and saying bow wow most energetically. He hardly talks now as much as little Willie did before he was sick. Anna was in a moment yesterday and two or three hours the day before. It is very pleasant to be near them, more so than I can tell - Hattie and Libbie came yesterday and took the baby to ride in his carriage. He laughs and crows at the very sight of them - They took him home with them yesterday and kept him two hours, I should think - It seemed strange enough to be without him so long. He feel perfectly at home there, - has even lost all fear of the Dr. creeps up to him and laughs in his face, and talks to him very familiarly.

I try not to think anything about Isaac's going away - It will be trying enough when it comes - We do have such pleasant times together - Isaac reads loud a good deal, and I shall miss him - O so very, very much - But Anna is a dear comfort -

Do pa[illegible] are write soon - Your loving daughter Nittie

Du Quoin, Perry Co. Illinois
Monday Jan. 26. 1857

My Dear Mother

Your excellent letter of Jan. 8th or 10th, I did not get until the 22d or 23d though it might have been here a few days before that, while I was away at Springfield, the Capital of the State. I spent about a week there, watching the Legislature now in Session. Perhaps I [illegible] return before the Session closes. I want to see they do not do us any mischief by any action about cross or connecting lines of Rail Roads in this part of the State.

I wrote a long letter to you since I came from Elyria; probably near the same time that you wrote to me.

Your letter gratified me much; but there were two things in it that I did not like very well. One was that Samuel intends to take Percy out to Minnesota with him. I had been hoping that he would leave him at Elyria; while himself went on to Minnesota alone.

My greater grievance is that you yourself think you will not come out with him. It will be a great disappointment to us. You know we never really had a home of our own before; and we feel quite important about it.

I do not believe I ever wanted, when a boy, to go home & see my Mother, (and I was pretty homesick sometimes) any more than I now want my Mother to come and see me.

the year of your being seventy years old as if it were a reason why you should not travel to see your children. I suppose the three score and ten of scripture is mentioned not at all as a limit, but as an average. Now we have an idea that our Mother is altogether above an average. It will be generally conceded that you are ~~really~~ as smart, really no older than very many persons only 50 years old. The number of years a person has lived has little to do with their capability for action or usefulness. Some are as mature at fifteen as others at twenty five. Some are worn out at thirty five; others are in the ~~[illegible]~~ full usefulness at Eighty five. A friend of mine here named Hinckley whose Mother is over ninety years old. Two of her sons are wealthy lawyers & business men in Westfield N. York. The Old Lady travels back and forth from Hartford Conn. to Westfield N. Y. several times a year; not unfrequently alone.

However I guess you did not mention the three score and ten as really a reason.

But if you decide to remain in Maine this year on account of Albina & Almeda, of course we have only to submit, and wait a while longer if we must until Fall.

You have heard ~~[illegible]~~ & I speak of the De Lacoine Female Seminary, which Miss Paine, the Teacher who boarded with us, was trying so much to make a beginning for. She went East and spent a year or so in begging for it; bought a small

farm with a house on it as a location for the Seminary; got out Teachers and commenced a school in the old house. And above all kept begging. Until they got a three story brick building for the first wing of the great Seminary most up. In the mean time God is owning and blessing them in the highest success, success in comparison with which all other is as nothing. Their Seminary in the Old house numbers some forty young ladies in all. Yesterday five of them were admitted to the Presbyterian Church, Eight or nine others are called hopefully converted the present term; and the interest still continues unabated. In fact Miss Paine told me that but four or five of the whole number were now entirely unconcerned.

Now is not that worth noting as a gleam of promise for this benighted Land of Egypt? Another an act of incorporation has just passed for a College to be located at Carbondale, a R.R. Station 18 miles South of Du Quoin. There is some hope for Egypt yet.

We had some excitement here last Friday night in the discovery of a kidnapping case. Some men were found here with a Negro woman whom they were evidently trying to get upon the cars and take to New Orleans to sell, a free woman. The woman, who had hardly wit or knowledge enough to distrust what they were going to do was rescued. But the kidnappers

Kidnappers were suffered to escape. Though the presumption against them was positive, there did not seem to be legal proof.

I wish you could have told me where in Illinois Samuel Metcalf is.

Isrey ought to go out doors every day. Might just as well as not; if his father could have arranged it to have him constantly along the fall. It would be very much better for him. Much less liable to have colds & croup. My little Paul Wilder is out doors almost every day when it is not too very bluctering. It does them good, even if it is cold; only wrap them up enough warmly.

Have I not a cousin at Dubuque? I wish you would write me his name. Perhaps I would call upon him.

I do not know when I shall go back to Ellyria. Perhaps soon. But if I do I shall soon come back here. I have considerable to attend to here nowadays. My property here is getting valuable, and must be looked after, & cared for.

I hope you will write again soon and frequently.

Sincerely Your
Affectionate Son
Isaac S. Metcalf.

I wish you would ask Elijah if he sent $30.00 to Palmer & Co. Marble workers of Manchester, according to my directions. I fear there is some mistake. If they have not got it it will make trouble.

Ducoign Perry Co. Illinois
Feb. 15. 1857

My Dear Mother

I believe I have written to you twice since I left home in January. And I have received one letter from you. For it I was very much glad & obliged to you. In one respect however I hope you have changed your mind since then. You wrote then that you thought you should not come out to Elyria in the Spring with Samuel. I hope you have changed your mind in this respect. I do not know but I wrote all I could think of before to persuade you to come out. I do think you should come out to us. Nettie and I shall be there this year; and after this it may be much more difficult to get to us. Now more of your children are in Elyria than in any other one place; and it is no more than fair that you should be with them. Do come. We are all relying upon it, and it will be too bad to disappoint us all. Samuel too, I am afraid will not leave Percy at Elyria, unless you come too.

I did hope to get back to Elyria before this time, but I find a good deal here to attend to. This Property here is increasing in value, and needs attending to. I have been all the past week, surveying and laying off new lots for sale. This Du Quoin Property cost Mr Keyes & myself about Thirty five hundred dollars ($3500.00) all told. We have already sold above Twelve thousand dollars ($12.000.00) worth. Sales mostly on time but on interest & amply secure. And I reckoned up the other day an estimate of the present value of the remainder, that now unsold - at Twenty four thousand dollars ($24.000.00) Making the whole amount $36.000.00, or more than ten fold the investment. More, there is a part belonging to me alone besides. So that my whole property here in Illinois is certainly worth at least Twenty thousand dollars ($20.000.00) So upon the strength of this I have agreed to give Three hundred dollars towards building a Presbyterian Church here this season. Do you not think I am liberal, public spirited &c.?

I should not do so much if there was not here a minister I like; if the Presbyterians here were not as yet few & weak in means; and if I did not regard it as of very great importance for the place to make a right

start in the right direction. In a few years it will be filled up with a great mass of a mixing population, and it will be much harder to give the right institutions the proper vantage ground.
Perhaps in the end it may be to my advantage to be pretty liberal now.
The prospect now is that there will be 4 four Churches built here this season coming. Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Campbellite. The Campbellites & Baptists, are the strongest. But the Presbyterians & Methodist are pretty earnest. The Baptists are to have a religious newspaper here soon. And probably there will soon be another, a secular paper too.

I suppose both Nettie & Anna have written to you about coming out to Elgria this Spring. I hope they have made it plain that you had better come out.

Did I not write to you about the prosperity of the Du Quoin Female Seminary, of which you have heard Nettie & I speak. I believe I wrote you all about it.

I am expecting the next news from Maine will be of Mr Ryder's death. Nettie wrote me about the last news from him.

Please write to us frequently & come to Elgria

Your Son Isaac

Isaac Putnam [illegible] 1851

Isaac March 25/57

1857

Elyria, March 25

Dearest Mother

Your letter came last night. We were all very glad to hear from you ~ But we were all rather disappointed at your final decision not to come out with Samuel. For we had not really given up the hope till now. But if it is fully decided we will not [illegible] any more about it; but hope for some favorable way for you to come out early this fall, or in the summer. There may be some favorable way for you to come out early. We especially hope so, for doubtless, we Nettie and I will not stay here any longer than till next fall at any rate, At any rate that is the probability.
How comfortable we would all be here this summer, if you could only be here. We are really very pleasantly situated here; nice comfortable house right in the village; every thing pleasant except that I have myself nothing to do here.

What I shall do is yet entirely uncertain. I have as yet nothing definite from the Iowa project. The situation I have some prospect of is to be Chief Engineer of a long Rail Road Route through North Eastern Iowa and South Eastern Minnesota. Probably several years employment, good salary, and good chances in every respect. The prospects of my getting the situation are about equally balanced. If I do, we shall be permanently, or definitely settled out there as soon as it could be made convenient; and I could probably make it for Charles' interest to go there too, & James. As soon as I can know & decide about it I will write to you all the particulars — both of position & prospects.

We are taking lots of comfort nowadays while I am at home. Just now I am making garden some part of the time. Most every day, harness up the Doctor's bonny mare, and take the folks to ride. Nettie's dutch girl does very well indeed, appears to be every thing she could ask for. Nettie's own health now appears very good — though she expects to be sick this summer. Little Wilder is very well, as

happy and roguish as ever you saw. I do not know but he is as good as ever Mayo was nearly, but he is much more roguish.
Anna's health I think is not good as it used to be. Her Stomach is out of order a good deal, digestion poor. I think she has dyspepsia some.
Doctor is busy in the Bank consider able, and does not like to ride much. So the rest of us have to do it all.
We did expect Samuel here last of this week; but from your letter suppose he will not come till next week sometime.
If you go to Milo to stay this summer, or part of it, you must be very careful — for you know there is always so much to do there. But they must have help to do the work. You ought not to try to work even for your self or Percy at all. You are now Three Score & ten; and with Children like yours around you, you can well afford now to take the "Otium cum dignitate" — a dignified ease.
Better than ~~you~~ to go to work yourself then you can hire a maid to wait upon you

and Percy. You deserve to have your serving woman the rest of your days surely. Really now, if you will do so nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to be permitted to pay the expense of it. Do now.

Shall I draw a check upon my Bankers in Bangor for you. Let me see, what is the present style of the firm — no matter.

To Farber & Metcalf
Bangor Maine

Please pay to Anna M. Metcalf or her order, One hundred dollars and charge the same to my account

J. S. Metcalf

Elyria Lorain Co. Ohio
May 31st 1857

Dearest Mother

Your most excellent letter of May 25th arrived last night. We are all very much obliged to you for it, and all your good letters.
When Nettie wrote last the Doctor was sick I do not know whether they have written since. I think he has not been well since his fever last Fall. He got cold and was taken with ague Chills, had them alternate days the first week, and then it was another week before he got out of doors. He is pretty well now has been out some all the past week, and increases in health & strength.
We were very sorry to hear of your hard journey from Bangor to Milo. Think you ought to have had some easier method of travel than the Old Stage Mud Wagon, It was a harder trip than from Bangor here.
We shall be anxious to hear how the other Children get over the Rash.

Samuel was rather slack about writing. He arrived at St Paul May 1st. Wrote to us on his return from Cottage Grove May 16. And then wrote only business, or mostly. He liked Minnesota, Theodore was sick, and then about the new Rail Roads, and wanting me to come up there and get the Charge of the New Minnesota & Pacific R.R.d. His letter came last Monday 25th. I was a good mind to start up there at once, perhaps shall ~ but expect to hear from him again very soon. The Min. & Pacific R.Rd. ~ 30 Minnesota Corporators are the Directors for first year. P.P. Furber, Samuel Stanchfield &c. are influential, and Samuel thinks J. S. Metcalf can be Chief Eng. They want to make immediate Surveys.

In the mean time I have been buying property here in Elyria. Have bought the Bullock place, you probably do not remember it but I can describe it. On West Avenue — first Street running South this side of the Doctors, Corner of Washington House. It is one of the last houses up this Street, so it is some fifty rods or more South of Main St.

About five acres of land running back to the West Branch River; fine evergreen grove on back end of lot, About 300 young fruit trees growing on it, and a fine garden; well under drained. House story & half, small but large enough for our family. Possession first of Oct. I intend to make some changes, add to the Nursery Bed Room an addition much such as Samuel did to that Bangor House. Put in a Furnace, Bath Room &c.
The New Elyria School House is now building up near there, and the tendency of Village improvement is like to be in that direction. So it will be increasing in value. I paid $2100.00 The Doctor calls it worth $3000.00 or more.
I like Lucy Heywood & Anna May for your Babes names very much.
Albert Lee Commake does not live in DuBuque I judge. Name is not on the Directory there, and those who know such things knew nothing of such name as a Dubuque name. as far as my inquiries extended.
Neither have I ever heard any thing of his Sister, or her folks.
Anna hears occasionally from

The Danesville people. — Sam. William's children

S. W. writes that his Father comes East

last of June, and Olive & her hus

band this Fall. No

I have got a fine garden here, Peas, Tomatoes too almost

ready to bloom. Lettuce large enough to Eat

Plenty of Pie Plant, Corn. Beans, Beets, Onions

Tomatoes, Potatoes, Squashes. Melons &c

are growing finely. The Season has

been exceedingly backward — No warm

weather until May 21st

Leaves did not come out at all till

last Week. &c.

The Doctor & Anna have, on account

of his Sickness put off their journey

to Illinois till next fall.

Please write often

Affectionately

Isaac S. Metcalf

Isaac
Elyria
[illegible] May 31 1857

Elyria, Ohio, Aug. 8 1858

Dearest Mother

Your letter came to hand yesterday; and we were all gladdened thereby. I had been about writing to you for some days; and upon the strength of your letter will try to do it at once. I cannot perhaps answer your letter exactly, for Anna carried it off to ~~show to the~~ Judge.
Anna's letter it seems you had not received when you wrote. I expect she, and perhaps all of us, have been a little remiss about writing of late; some of us will try to do better in future.
We are sort of dull here of late. Jenny went home last week. Emily was married a week ago. We got another girl before Emily left, whom we expected to like, but she was taken sick, spitting blood, I expect she danced too hard at Emily's wedding. Anna's Katy is about sick upon the same grounds. So we have had no girl for most a week: expect one tomorrow.
Then Hettie & I have both been about half way sick. To begin with I had an awful boil on my leg. It absolutely crippled me for a week or more. I could hardly step at all. Then I had when rid of the boil, a week since, a slight attack of Cholera Morbus, such as I am subject to occasionally. And

following the Judge's advice, took after it a dose of "blueing" — blue pill — instead of my own usual prescription, a dose of Quinine — to stiffen me up. The effect — I have felt as flat as fritters, & lazy as logs, ever since. Nettie has had a cold & cough for two or three weeks, but is getting over it I guess. Wilder & Charlie — well, where aint they, and what dont they do? Charlie doesn't walk yet, but creeps on all fours just as Willie did; only that Willie scampered like a spider; you could hardly see his limbs move. Charlie lumbers about the house with the agility of a hippopotamus: he climbs up by chairs &c. clings down onto the door step to go out doors, and climbs up one step to go up stairs, and then sits down to rest & falls off.

About your making your home here with my Mother — of course, you must do exactly as you prefer about it. Whatever you really prefer, will be "the best" — will be, as you say, "duty". But it has seemed to me, we could arrange things so you would really prefer it here. When you were here was no fair sample, we were just getting here, moving, getting arranged, hurried, vexed & troubled by the difficulty of getting any present money, for present pressing wants. We expect to be, & are getting to be, perhaps slowing getting, leisurely, and comfortable. We are not rightfully so poor, & cramped as we seemed when you were here. There is now more that Ten thousand dollars ($10.000.00) due me on

Due in Land Sales. It is secured against possible ultimate loss, and draws 10 per cent interest. The Balance unsold is probably worth $20.000.00 So you see we are certainly able to live comfortably; and intend to; just as we please. Anna thinks you do not like to be 'dependent' even on your children; that you ought to have a purse of your own to use as you please. How would this do? I will deposit a Thousand dollars for your use; or such a sum, in such a way, that the interest, one hundred a year, say $25.00 each Jan. April, July, & Oct., shall be payable at Lorain Bank to your order, for your sole use & behoof, as long as you live. This would clothe you as you like, and leave a slight balance for J. B. as dear Joseph used to have it. How would that suit you? Do Come, Mother!

And don't wait a year first either. You can go back there every year if you like. We intend to visit there frequently after we get arranged — most every year perhaps.

Nettie thinks I have abused Charlie in my reference to him. He is said to be a remarkably fine looking Child, but I think he exhibits more dignity than agility by far — couldn't well be otherwise with his substantial form.

I wish you could see my Garden now. The Corn is 8 or 10 feet high. The Beets Carrots &c. absolutely quarrelling for room. Tomatoes are big as a small milk pan almost, but not yet beginning to ripen.

We have begun upon our Parlor. Got a Carpet down — a Brussells called very pretty; and got some pictures hung up marble table &c.; but money comes slow as yet; and we do things little by little here. Our nice stone side walk is not built in front of this lot; though Mr Murphy's is, and a handsome fence too; and a sidewalk away down on this side of the Street. Elyria side walks show great changes this year.

I was going to write another letter to Almeda, in answer to her excellent one which came with yours; but the fact is, I really have not spunk enough today

(Monday evening)

I intended to write some, but find it about enough ~~to do~~ these warm days, to do our work, and take care of the great baby. His upper gums are very badly swelled indeed, and he feels very fretful, with those, and the ~~heat~~. I expected a girl to day, but she has not come. Anna has been here a few moments — one of her hurried comings, as usual — She is very busy getting Hattie ready to go away. — Wilder says "come Charly, lets go like sixty". Where could he have heard such an Expression! A few nights ago he began to cry bitterly in the middle of night, and we asked what the matter was — said he "my dear little brother is carried away out doors — He's dead, and I never can see him any more" — We could not quiet him for a long time — He often speaks of Percy, and one day he was up stairs with me when I was cleaning after the joiners had fitted blinds to the windows, and he said "those men shouldn't do so, 'cause this is grandmother's room & Percy's room — They shouldn't do so should they ma'ma". — We all wish you to come back very much, if it would be pleasant for you.

Elyria Lorain Co. Ohio
Jan. 3d 1858.

Dear Mother
I believe we have got no letter from you, since I was there a month ago, and we begin—or rather continue to want to hear from you. Eliak has written once or twice about the sickness of their little ones. Wish you would write frequently; think you better come out here pretty soon. We are all pretty well; especially the children who are as fat and hearty & stout as you may imagine. Charlie hardly goes alone much yet; though he gets up alone in the floor, & takes a few steps sometimes, but usually thinks it safer to keep a chair by him, which he lifts over a threshhold or any impediment, & goes on again. Wilder goes to meeting some; but lately has cried once or twice, getting asleep & waking up cross. Perhaps we will not be able to have him go. But while we have two girls, he does not need to

I wrote you that Old Mrs DeWitt died before I got home. Mrs Fitt [illegible] failed pretty fast since; probably will live but a very short time. Naomi is at the Doctors ever since the old lady's death, which relieves Anna entirely. Anna has a new, aged, & capable girl so she is very comfortably situated. Nettie has a little girl, her girl's sister to take care of Charlie, which relieves her very much.

Last Thursday we went over to Oberlin, visited at Dr Dascomb's, and heard Presdt Finney preach his weekly Lecture. When you are here again, I mean you shall go over to Oberlin occasionally; hear Mr Finney, & know more of the people there. I like some of them much. Old Father Keep of Oberlin preached for us last Sabbath while Mr Wilbur was at Synod.

I have been at work considerable since my return home in my Quarry have got out lots of stone, some for side walks, but more other things; have not got my sidewalk build yet, but intend too.

There is now a good side walk, much of the way of stone, most all the way from here to the Doctor's on this side of the street.
One nice house building just below Mr Hussey's. [illegible] of the buildings in town in this part of the village.
I forgot to say that the Doctor is hardly well lately, and fears that his Dyspepsia is getting to his Lungs.
It has been delightful weather here since I returned; mild as early September all the time, no frost of any amount yet. ~~hardly~~ only the tips of tender leaves touched at all yet.
The Corn which, I planted the last of January, six weeks ago, dispaired of; has ripened off fully & first rate.
The River down in our grove is so low that Nettie walked across on the stones the other day, and is as clear & transparent as pure Spring water.
It seems like Illinois to have Corn & other crops all harvested before frost. Something you never saw in Maine. Corn leaves & stalks all dead, withered & dried away, Corn hard & dry, without any frost.

Mr Rood has left & gone to New York

Family about going; his business affairs in very bad shape, in default as Clerk of the Courts a thousand or two, much of which, Mr Crane, who is ill able, will have to pay as bondsman. Rumored defalcation in Mr Wilbur's Salary, of which Rood was Treasurer. Mr Rood Elder of Church.

Wm Bradford & his Cleveland Wife, and Lucy Bradford are propounded for admission to the Church. This son of Dra Bradford, you may remember, had been a little unsteady. He married last Spring an heiress.

Elyria Ladies Sewing Circle lately sent a box valued over a hundred dollars to a Home Missionary. Propose now to make Mr Wilbur a Life Member.

Mr Wilbur preaches good sermons, & think improves more & more.

Please come & help hear him.

Till then write often. Sincerely Isaac

Elyria, Ohio. Sept 5 1858
Ed.

Dear Mother

I intened to write some letters as soon as I got home; but I got here lazy, and more over found considerable to do when I arrived, and so this is my first attempt at it. When I got to Bangor, Eliab over persuaded me to stop there till Wednesday. That made my visit at Dumbarton rather short, I arrived there at 10 P.M. Wednesday, and staid till 8 A.M. of Thursday. Got home Saturday. ~~Found~~ all well here; both the children still fatter & stouter than when I went away. Nettie had not been very well; the care of the heavy children was too much for her; and she had to get an other girl, a little one, to take care of Charlie for her. Anna & her folks are quite well I believe. Old Mrs DeWitt died last week Tuesday and was buried on Friday. Mrs Fitz I believe is thought to be failing; grows gradually more weak & emaciated. I do not know as there is any news here, Mrs Lyman Knowles is selling out her Goods, and removing to New York. There has been no frost here yet. My Corn, late planted, is ripening off very nicely.

Charles
I was glad to see you had fenced off the upper Intervale for Pasture. It would be a much better way to renovate more of it than to crop it with Oats, as you have some of it. No other land could bear so much of that as your intervale has. But I very much doubt whether any one who has so much so good land as you have can afford to spend time & money in clearing & breaking up that that Knoll. You can hardly get a fair return for the outlay. Mow the brakes frequently; burn it over and perhaps sow White Clover seed. On that kind of soil, grass will in the long run overcome almost everything, even brakes. I wish you could see my little Corn Patch now. No frost here yet, and the ears, after the stalks are topped, are about as high as my head. It was so tall & heavy I could not handle it the whole length.

Hattie DeWitt, Mother, passed her Examination comfortabley; and likes Mt Holyoke very much.

Sincerely Isaac

J. S. M.
To Anna M. M.
May 1st 1859

Elyria, Lorain Co. Ohio
Sabbath Eve, May 1st '59

Dear Mother

I wrote you some time ago of Nettie's sickness, commencing nearly five weeks ago. She had a very severe time of it, suffered very much indeed; left breast burst in two places, and was lanced in two other places. It was so painful it reduced her very much; for nearly four weeks she could not even stand alone. Last week she gained strength & got up smartly. Wednesday really began to walk; Thursday was all over the house, & carried out doors. Friday rode out. Saturday put to rights various things that she thought sadly disordered during her long confinement.

Over.

Sabbath Day; this beautiful May Day; fair, sunny, pleasant, above all previous days of the year.

7 A.M.

May 1st 1859,

was born the — Eldest daughter, one month before the time; but very plump & fat, apparently hearty & healthy; said to ~~es~~pecially resemble Charlie, who is called "good looking", and who is certainly good natured.

"Both Mother & Child appear to be doing "very well."

Some suppose that a babe, born at such time & season, would naturally be called — "May."

Seems to me it is long since
we have heard from you. Please
to write often as you can.
We want to hear from you all there
very frequently.
Weather here — curious
March very warm & sunny — early.
April cold, wet, uncomfortable.
Nothing seemed to grow for a Month
except perhaps the grass & wheat.
April 29th sudden change
" 30th first warm day for a Month.
May 1st ———
In my Garden have hardly done anythig
yet, - a little in March. Since then
the weather has been so unpromising.
and I have had so much to do, ta
king care of Nettie &c.

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Affectionate Son, Isaac